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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Nahunta Meeting House,

WAYNE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

Saturday, Sunday & Monday, Oct. 8th, 9th and 10th,

1898.

Wilson, N. C.:
Landmark Steam Printing House,
1898.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 8TH, 1898.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Williams, from Gal. 6 : 9.

2nd. After a short intermission the messengers from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. M. Harris.

3rd. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen moderator and brother L. J. H. Mewborne Clerk, who called to his assistance brother B. D. Rowe.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers were invited to seats.

5th. Appointed to preach in the afternoon : Elders W. J. Stephenson and J. A. Burch. Elder Stephenson opened and preached from Jere. 31 : 3; followed by Elder Burch from Rom. 11 : 33.

6th. Brethren J. E. Cobb and I. P. Dowty were appointed a committee of finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7th Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the statistical table.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association, when one from the church at Mount Lebanon (formerly Swift Creek) was received, read, approved, and accepted, moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

9th. Corresponding minutes and messengers from sister associations called for.

(a). Abbott's Creek, minutes.

(b). Baltimore, minutes.

(c). Black Creek, minutes, brethren Isaac Smith, J. T. Hooks, J. F Pate, messengers; Elder Wm. Woodard and P. D. Gold, visitors.

(d). Country Line, minutes, Elders J. M. Harris and J. A. Burch, messengers.

(e). Delaware, minutes.

(f), Delaware River, minutes.

(g). Eno, minutes.

(h). Kehukee, minutes, brother S. W. Outterbridge.

(i). Little River, brethren J. W. Talton and. G. S. Wilson, and Elder W. J. Stephenson.

(j). Mayo, minutes.

(k). Mill Branch ———

(l). New River ———

(m). Seven Mile, Elder L. P. Adams and brother Josiah Baggett.

(n). Staunton River ———

(o). Toisnot, minutes.

(p). Virginia, Corresponding Meeting, minutes.

(q). Warwick, minutes.

(r). White Oak, minutes, Elder Isaac Jones.

10. Brother B. D. Rowe was appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch, and brother J. A. Whitfield to the White Oak Association.

11. Appointed our next Association to be held at Mill Branch Meeting House, in Nash county, N. C., service to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder T. B. Lancaster preach the introductory sermon and Elder John R. Rowe his alternate.

12. Elders W. W. Meredith, T. S. Dalton, W. S. Broom and Isaac Jones, were appointed to preach on Sunday.

13. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations also to send minutes as heretofore.

(a) Abbott's Creek, minutes.

(b) Baltimore, minutes.

(c) Black Creek, minutes; brother J. J. Eason and Elder W. B. Williams.

(d) Country Line, minutes; brother J. E. Cobb and Elder A. M. Crisp.

(e) Delaware, minutes.

(f) Delaware River, minutes.

(g) Eno, minutes; Elders J. W. Gardner, T. B. Lancaster, and brother —— Seymour.

(h) Kehukee, minutes; Brethren J. L. Brake, B. D. Rowe and T. B. Ross.

(i) Little River, minutes; Elders W. B. Williams, T. B. Lancaster, J. W. Gardner, and brother J. F. Brown.

(j) Mayo, minutes.

(k) Mill Branch, minute and letter.

(l) New River, minutes.

(m) Seven Mile, minutes; Elders W. B. Williams, J. W. Gardner.

(n) Staunton River, minutes.

(o) Toisnot, minutes.

(p) Virginia Corresponding Meeting, minutes.

(q) Warwick, minutes.

(r) White Oak, minutes and letter, Elder D. A. Mewborn.

14. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, Oct. 9th, 1898.

The services of the day were opened by Elder W. W. Meredith, who preached from Col. 2:8, 9, 10, followed by Elder T. S. Dalton from John 17:4.

After an intermission of one hour the services were resumed by Elder W. S. Broom from a portion of the 11th chapter of Luke, followed by Elder Isaac Jones from Acts 10:34. Congregation was well behaved and large, and the meeting will be long remembered by many. The multitude followed Jesus and he fed them, and we believe he fed them today, and they eat freely with tears flowing.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 10th, 1898.

1. The Association assembled, and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Burch.

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2. Elders L. P. Adams, J. M. Harris, Wm. Woodard and P. D. God were chosen to preach at the stand to-day. Elder Adams opened, and preached from John 17:9, 10; Elder Harris, Isa. 8:2; Elder Woodard, 2nd Peter 3:18; Elder Gold, Luke 6:19.

3. The committee on finance made the following report: In the hands of the treasurer, nothing; received from the churches this year, $55.09; paid for printing these minutes and postage on same, $16.00; clerk's compensation, $10.00; gave to the visiting ministers, $29.09; Report received and committee discharged.

4. The names of messengers were called, and those absent without leave were marked in table of churches.

5. The letters to the Mill Branch and White Oak Associations were read, received and forwarded.

6. On motion, agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

8. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and if she have none that she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved, That our clerk have 1,200 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and be allowed $10 for his services.

10. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during her session.

11. On motion the clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion brother David Stocks was appointed to prepare an obituary of Elder J. B. Hardie to be appended to the minutes.

13. On motion, the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

14. On motion, the Association then adjourned to time and place appointed, with praise and prayer by Elder T. S. Dalton.

W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk,
B. D. ROWE, Assistant Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in

fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.

Art. 4. The Associatiou, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union, upon their petition by letters and messenger, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor so furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method of effecting that purpose shall be at discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the association; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund for any purpose strictly connected with the association; sixth, to appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may deem it necessary; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association; ninth, to adjourn to meet at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher.

Art. 17. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of the association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our church.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but

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shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject, if so he violates the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these Rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

Obituary.

ELDER JOHN B. HARDIE.

By request, it becomes my sad duty to attempt to write a notice of the death of our much beloved brother and pastor, Elder John B. Hardie. He was born near Greenville, in the county of Pitt, March 17th, 1811, and died June 25th, 1896. In the year 1862 he was married to Jane E. Smith, who bore him two children; his widow and children still survive him. Thirty-four years they lived as happily together as it is possible for sinful, erring creatures to live, when it pleased the Lord to call him home, to enjoy that rest prepared for him in eternity. Sister Hardie is living lonely now, but we believe she is trusting in Him who has promised to be a husband to the widow, and who can comfort and be a companion for her. Brother Hardie professed a hope in Christ in the spring of 1882, and was baptized the following September. Soon after uniting with the church he had impressions to preach, which gave him much trouble. Much he suffered, feeling his unworthiness, yet felt fearful to disobey the heavenly calling. In August, 1884, he was liberated by the church to exercise his gift, and in March, 1886, was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. Two or three years later the church at Red Banks chose him as their pastor which office he filled most faithfully as long as he lived. He was sound in his doctrine and practice, shunning not to declare the whole counsel of God, and leading an exemplary christian life, one which we will do well to follow. He was very prompt in attending his meetings, even after he became afflicted, and was a willing counsellor, ever trying to instruct the brethren and sisters in the truth, and leave such advice as would be for their good when he was gone. We feel that our loss is great, but not to be compared with his happy exchange, for we feel that he is now enjoying the glorious presence of Jesus, our blessed Saviour. May the Lord comfort his widow, children and the many brethren and friends that he has left behind.

DAVID STOCKS.

Names of

PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CHURCHES.	TIMES OF HOLDING QUARTERLY MEETINGS.
A. M. Crisp....	Franklin Brown.	Autry's Creek ...	1st Sun in Mar, June, Sep. and Dec
T. B. Lancaster	A. R. Sutton.....	Bear Creek	1st " Feb., May, Aug " Nov
....	A. F. Lee.....	Beaver Dam(new)	4th " Mar, June, Sep, " Dec
....	Wm. Potter.....	Bethel.....	2nd " " " " " "
J. R. Rowe.....	U. L. Edwards...	Blount's Creek...	3rd " Jan, April, July, " Oct
J. R. Rowe.....	Thos. L.Goodwin	Cedar Island....	3rd " Feb, May, Aug, " Nov
.....	C. E. Farkerson.	Cross Roads.....	4th " Mar, June, Sep, " Dec
J. S. Corbitt...	G. M. Corbitt....	Galloway.....	1st " " " " " "
J R. Rowe.....	Jas. Potter, Jr...	Goose Creek Is'ld	4th " Jan, April, July, " Oct
C. C. Bland....	Benj.Smith.....	Hancock's.....	4th " Feb, May, Aug, " Nov
.....	B. F. Scott.....	Haskin's Chapel.	1st " Mar, June, Sep, " Dec
D. A. Mewborn	....	Meadow	4th " " " " " "
J. W. Gardner.	L. J. H. Mewborn	Mewborn's.....	2nd " " " " " "
W. H. Fly.....	G. W. Hale.....	Mill Branch.....	1st " Feb, May, Aug, " Nov
C. C. Bland....	H. J. Carawan...	Mount Lebanon.	4th " " " " " "
T. B. Lancaster	W. H. Smith	Nahunta.....	3rd " Mar, June, Sep, " Dec
M. B. Williford	W. G. Walker ...	Peach Tree.....	2nd " Feb, May, Aug; " Nov
J. W. Jackson..	G. W. Thomas ..	Pleasaut Hill....	4th " " " " " "
H. B. Tucker..	David Stocks....	Red Banks.....	2nd " " " " " "
T. C. Hart.....	Ira Smith.....	Sandy Bottom...	2nd " " " " " "
J. R. Rowe.....	B. D. Rowe.....	Sandy Grove	1st " " " " " "
M. B. Williford	J. R Lindsay....	Sappony.....	3rd " " " " " "
A. M. Crisp....	J. E. Cobb.....	Town Creek	2nd " " " " " "
....	J. R. Warren.....	Tyson's.....	3rd " " " " " "
W. H. Fly	Jere Whitehead.	Union	3rd " Mar, June, Sep, " Dec

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches.

CHURCHES.	NO.	POSTOFFICE AND STATE.	WHOM SENT IN CARE OF
Autry's Creek	30	Crisp, N. C.	J. F. Brown.
Bear Creek	25	LaGrange, "	A. R. Sutton.
Beaver Dam	13	Kinston. "	A. F. Lee.
Bethel	33	Alliance, "	Wm. Potter.
Blount's Creek	35	Blount's Creek, "	U. L. Edwards.
Cedar Island	46	Roe, "	Thos. L. Goodwan.
Cross Roads,,	7	Quinerly, "	C. E. Parkerson.
Galloways	10	Grimesland, "	G. M. Corbitt.
Cross Creek Island	75	Lowland, "	Jas. Potter, Jr.
Hancocks	14	Ayden, "	Benj. Smith.
Hasken's Chapel	7	Trenton, "	B. F. Scott.
Meadow	22	Speight's Bridge, "	J. J. Eason.
Mewborn's	34	Jason, "	L. J. H. Mewborn.
Mill Branch	36	Sharpsburg, "	G. W. Hale.
Mount Lebanon	33	Vanceboro: "	H. J. Carawin.
Nahunta	100	Saulston, "	W. H. Smith.
Peach Tree	21	Spring Hope, "	W. G. Walker.
Pleasant Hill	68	Rocky Mount, "	G. W. Thomas.
Red Banks	66	Redalia, "	David Stocks
Sandy Bottom	7	Deep Run, "	Ira Smith
Sandy Grove	47	Idalia, "	B. D. Rowe.
Sappony	22	Nashville, "	J. R. Lindsay.
Town Creek	63	St. Lewis. "	J. E. Cobb.
Tyson's	13	Falkland, "	J. R. Warren.
Union	99	Elm City, "	Jere Whitehead.

Distribution of Minutes to Associations.

NAMES.	NO.	POSTOFFICE AND STATE.	WHOM SENT IN CARE OF
Abbott's Creek	12	Martin's Mill, N. C.	A. P. Leach.
Baltimore	8	Catonsville, Md.	Eli Scott.
Black Creek	24	Wilson, N. C.	Elder P. D. Gold.
Country Line	24	Reidsville, "	Elder J. M. Harris.
Delaware	7	State Road, Dela.	Elder E. Rittenhouse.
Delaware River	7	Southampton, Pa.	Elder S. H. Durand
Eno	6	Durham, N. C.	G. C. Farthing.
Kehukee	42	Williamston, "	Elder S. Hassell.
Little River	20	Smithfield, "	Seth Woodall.
Mayo	21	Tim, Va.	Elder E M. Bernard.
Mill Branch	10	Clarendon, N. C.	M. M. Harrelson
New River	20	Floyd Court House, Va.	Elder P. G. Lester.
Seven Mile	12	Benson, N. C.	C. Hodges.
Staunton River	17	Ringgold, "	R. L. Dodson.
Toisnot	6	Whitakers, "	Elder A. J. Moore.
Virginia Corresp'g Meeting	9	Aldie, Va.	Elder J. N. Badger.
Warwick	8	Middletown, N. Y.	Elder W. L. Beebe.
White Oak	19	Maple Hill, N. C.	Elder Isaac Jones.

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and Postoffice.

C. C. Bland,	Ayden,	N. C.	T. B. Lancaster,	Saulston,	N. C.
W. W. Brinson,	Reelesboro,	"	D. A. Mewborn,	Dongola,	"
J. S. Corbett,	Grimesland,	"	J. R. Rowe,	Aurora,	"
G. M. Corbett,	"	"	E. C. Smith,	LaGrange,	"
A. M. Crisp,	Crisp,	"	H. B. Tucker,	Greenville,	"
W. H. Fly,	Rocky Mount.	"	W. B. Williams,	Elm City,	"
J. W. Gardner,	Goldsboro,	"	*Henry Cooper,	Elm City,	"
Thos. C. Hart,	Institute,	"	*B. F. Scott,	Trenton,	"
J. W. Jackson,	Rocky Mount,	"	*J. A. Whitfield,	Seven Springs,	"

Licentiates marked *

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis'm'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	No. in Fellowship.	Contributions.
Autry's Creek	Edgecombe	W R Abrams, A M Crisp, J F Brown	6			1		1	33	$ 2 00
Bear Creek	Lenoir	J H Dawson, J A Whitfield, R W Sutton	1	3	2				25	5 50
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Stephen S Turner							13	1 00
Bethel	Pamlico	Josiah Tingle, W K Rowe*, Joshua Rowe*	2					2	35	2 00
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G W Hill, Ephraim Adams							35	1 75
Cedar Island	Carteret	W R Mason, T L Goodwin*, J W Styron*					1		47	2 00
Cross Roads	Pitt	Represented by Letter				2			7	50
Galloway's	Pitt	J S Corbitt, G M Corbitt*, J B Williams	1	2		3			10	1 00
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	J M Carowan, N M McKenny, J F Carowan*	13			1	1		78	2 00
Hancock's	Pitt	Benjamin Smith, Elias McGlawhorn*							13	1 00
Haskin's Chapel	Lenoir	Represented by Letter							6	1 00
Meadow	Greene	D A Mewborn, J J Eason, W J Craft	3						23	3 25
Mewborn's	Greene	J A Herring, I R Baker, L J H Mewborn	6	2		1			34	6 50
Mill Branch	Nash	J D Robbins, J C Luper, G W Hale*							36	1 50
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A P Whitford, D B Caton, H J Carowan							35	2 00
Nahunta	Wayne	T B Lancaster, Rich Pate, W H Smith	9			1	1	2	115	5 59
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W H Fly, J L Brake, J B Fly	5				1	1	73	2 00
Peach Tree	Nash	W G Walker, W A Seymour							21	1 50
Red Banks	Pitt	David Stocks, J T Dunn			1	4			61	3 00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Ira Smith						1	8	1 00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B L Rowe, I F Donty*, T B Ross	1		2		1		47	2 00
Sappony	Nash	E B Barnes, W A Joyner, J R Lindsay	6		1	1			26	1 50
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J E Cobb, A J Hagins, W F Walston*			2	1		5	62	2 00
Tyson's	Pitt	J F Moore, J R Warren*, Clayton Joyner*							13	1 50
Union	Wilson	W B Williams, Jerre Whitehead, J M Stephenson	19		1	2		1	101	2 00
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IN NASH COUNTY, N. C.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 7th, 8th and 9th,
1899.

Landmark Print,
Wilson, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 7th, 1899.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster from Rom., 10:18.

2d. The messengers from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3d. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen moderator and brother L. J. H. Mewborn clerk who called to his assistance Elder D. A. Mewborn.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers were invited to seats.

5th. Appointed to preach this afternoon, Elders J. S. Woodard, and J. A. Burch. Elder Woodard opened and preached from Psalm 126 5-6. Owing to the inclemency of the weather Elder Burch did not preach.

6th. Brethren J. E. Cobb and L. P. Douty were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9th. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations called for.

(a.) Abbotts Creek, minutes.

(b.) Baltimore, minutes.

(c.) Black Creek, minutes, Elders P. D. Gold, J. S. Woodard, J. F. Farmer, S. F. Bass and brothers M. Boykin, J. B. Smith and others.

(d.) Country Line, minutes, Elder J. A. Burch.

(e.) Delaware, minutes.

(f.) Delaware River, minutes.

(g.) Eno, ———

(h.) Kehukee, Minutes, Elders Robertson, Staton, Meades, Brethren W. C. Trevathan, T. W. Towley and others.

(i.) Little River, Elder W. J. Stephenson.

(j.) Mayo, ———

(k.) Mill Branch, minut s.

(l.) New River, minutes.

(m.) Seven Mile, Elder L. P. Adams, Brother J. T. Turrington.

(n.) Staunton River, ———

(o.) Toisnot, minutes, J. F. Moore, visitor.

(p.) Virginia Corresponding Meeting, minutes.

(q.) Warwick, Minutes.

(r.) White Oak, minutes, Elder Isaac Jones.

10th. On motion, Elder T. S. Dalton, of the Ketocton Association, was invited to a seat in the Association and was gladly received.

11th. Brother T. B. Lancaster was appointed to write the letter to Mill Branch, and Brother J. E. Cobb to the White Oak Associations.

12th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Meadow Meeting House, in Greene county, N. C., services to commence on Saturday be-

fore the second Sunday in October, 1900, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder T. B. Lancaster preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. H. Fly his alternate.

13th. Elders P. D. Gold, G. D. Robertson, T. S. Dalton and I. Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

14th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations; also to send minutes as heretofore:

(a.) Abbott's Creek, minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.

(b.) Baltimore, minutes.

(c.) Black Creek, minutes. Elder J. W. Gardner, Brethren John E. Cobb, J. J. Eason.

(d.) Country Line, minutes, Elders W. B. Williams, T. C. Hart.

(e.) Delaware, minutes.

(f.) Delaware River, minutes.

(g.) Eno, minutes, Elders W. B. Williams, J. W. Gardner and Bro. L. J. H. Mewborn.

(h.) Kehukee, minutes, Elder G. M. Corbitt, Brethren T. B. Ross and J. L. Brake.

(i.) Little River, minutes, Elder W. B. Williams, Brethren J. F. Brown and J. M. Stephenson.

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15th. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, Oct. 8th, 1899.

Services of the day were opened by Elder P. D. Gold, who preached from Jere. 18:4, followed by Elder G. D. Robertson from John 10:9. After a short intermission, the services were continued by Elder T. S. Dalton from Jude 1:3, followed by Elder I. Jones from the words, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for," &c. Though the weather was very disagreeable in the forenoon, the congregation was large and well behaved, and the preaching was with power and love. We pray the blessed Lord that some poor soul received a handful dropped on purpose to be stowed away to feast on in days to come.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 9th, 1899.

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones.

2nd. Elders L. P. Adams, W. J. Stephenson, A. N. Hall and L. S. Meades were appointed to preach to-day. Elder Adams opened and preached from John 18:36, followed by Elder W. J. Stephenson from

Hebrew 10:14, followed by A. N. Hall from Isa. 25:6-7-8; closed by L. S. Meades 2nd Cor. 4:5-6.

3rd. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

In the hands of the Treasurer	Nothing
Received from the churches this year	$51 71
Paid for printing these minutes and postage	16 00
Clerk's compensation	10 00
Gave to the visiting ministers	25 71

Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of messengers were called for, and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5th. The letters to the Mill Branch and White Oak Associations were reard, approved and forwarded.

6th On motion, agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7th. Resolved, That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

8th. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and if she have none, that she will actually choose him as such.

9th. Resolved, That our clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and be allowed $10 for his services.

10th. On motion, it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

11th. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12th. On motion, the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13th. On motion, Brother G. M. Hardy was appointed to write an obituary notice of Elder John R. Rowe, to be appended to these minutes.

14th. On motion, the Association then adjourned with praise and prayer by Elder W. S. Staton, to meet at the time and place appointed.

ELDER W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk.

ELDER D. A. MEWBORN, Ass't Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
Article 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
Article 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
Article 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.
Article 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly he can so as to convey his light and ideas.
Article 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
Article 7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.
Article 8. No member of this association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.
Article 9. No member of this association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of a brother.
Article 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject, if so he violates the rules of this decorum.
Article 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.
Article 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the association be equally divided.
Article 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these Rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government:
Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.
Article 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.
Article 3. The members thus chosen and conveued, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.
Article 4. The Association when convened, shall be goverened by a regular and proper decorum.
Article 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
Article 6. New churches may be admitted into this union upon their petition by letters and messengers, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowsbip.
Article 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.
Article 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, shall be withdrawn.
Article 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association, and the best way or method of effecting that purpose shall be at discretion of the Association.

Article 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

Article 12. The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Article 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Article 15. The association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty, fourth to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the association; fifth to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund for any purpose strictly connected with the association; sixth, to appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may deem it necessary; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the association; ninth, to adjourn to meet at any future time or place they may make think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Article 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher.

Article 17. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of the association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our church.

Distribution of Minutes to the Associations.

Associations.	No. Minutes.	Post Offices		To whom sent in care of.
Abbott's Creek	12	Martin's Mills,	N. C.	A. P. Leach
Baltimore	8	Catonsville,	Md	Eli Scott
Black Creek	24	Wilson.	N. C.	Elder P. D. Gold
Country Line	24	Reidsville,	"	Elder J. W. Harris
Delaware	7	State Roads,	Del.	Elder E. Rittenhouse.
Delaware River	7	Southhampton,	Pa.	Elder S. H. Durand.
Eno	6	Durham.	N. C,	G. C. Farthing.
Kehukee	42	Williamston,	"	Elder S. Hassell.
Little River	20	Smithfield	"	Seth Woodall.
Mayo	21	Tim,	Va.	Elder E. M. Barnard
Mill Branch	10	Clarenden,	N. C,	M. M. Harrelson
New River	20	Floyd C. H.,	Va.	Elder P. G. Lester.
Seven Mile	12	Benson,	N. C.	C. Hodges.
Staunton River	17	Ringgold.	"	R. L. Dodson
Toisnot	6	Whitaker's.	"	Elder A. J. Moore.
Virginia Cor. Meeting	9	Aldie,	Va	Elder J. N. Badger.
Warwick	8	Middletown,	N. Y.	Elder W. L. Beebe.
White Oak	19	Maple Hill,	N. C.	Elder Isaac Jones.

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches.

Churches.	No. Minutes.	Post Offices.		To whom sent in care of.
Autrey's Creek	40	Crisp,	N. C,	J. F. Brown.
Bear Creek	26	La Grange,	"	A. R. Sutton.
Beaver Dam	15	Kinston,	"	A. F. Lee.
Bethel	33	Alliance,	"	Wm. Potter.
Blount's Creek	35	Blount's Creek,	"	U. L. Edwards.
Cedar Island	35	Roe,	"	Thos. L. Goodwin.
Cross Roads	10	Quinnerly,	"	C. E. Parkerson.
Galloways	12	Grimesland,	"	Elder G. M. Corbitt.
Goose Creek Island	75	Lowlands,	"	Jas. Potter, Jr.
Hancock's	13	Ayden,	"	Benj. Smith.
Haskin Chapel	7	Trenton,	"	B. F. Scott.
Meadow	26	Speight's Bridge,	"	J. J. Eason.
Mewborn's	34	Jason,	"	L. J. H. Mewborn.
Mill Branch	38	Sharpsburg,	"	G. W. Hale.
Mount Lebanon	38	Vanceboro,	"	A. J. Carawan.
Nahunta	110	Saulston,	"	W. H. Smith.
Peach Tree	23	Spring Hope,	"	G. W. Walker.
Pleasant Hill	78	Rocky Mount,	"	G. W. Thomas.
Red Banks	60	Redalia,	"	David Stocks.
Sandy Bottom	10	Deep Run,	"	Ira Smith.
Sandy Grove	46	Idalia,	"	B. D. Rowe.
Sappony	28	Nashville,	"	J. R. Lindsay.
Town Creek	70	St. Lewis,	"	J. E. Cobb.
Tyson's	11	Farmville,	"	Clayton Joyner.
Upper Town Creek	110	Elm City,	"	Jeremiah Whitehead.

Names of Pastors, Clerks, Churches, and Times of Holding Quarterly Meetings.

Pastors.	Clerks.	Churches.	Times of Holding Quar'ly Meet'gs
A. M Crisp	B F Brown	Autrey's Creek	1st Suns. in Mar, June, Sept, Dec
T. B. Lancaster,	A R Sutton	Bear Creek	1st " Feb, May, Aug, Nov
"	A F Lee	Beaver Dam	4th " Mar, June, Sept, Dec
"	Wm Potter	Bethel	2nd " " " " "
"	U L Edwards	Blount's Creek	3rd " Jan, Ap'l, July, Oct
"	T E Harris	Cedar Island	3rd " Feb, May, Aug, Nov
"	C E Parkerson	Cross Roads	4th " Mar, June, Sep, Dec
J. S. Corbitt	G M Corbitt	Galloway's	1st " " " " "
	Jas Potter, Jr.	Goose Creek Isl'd	4th " Jan, Ap'l, July, Oct
C. C. Bland	Benj Smith	Hancock's	3rd " Feb, May, Aug, Nov
	B F Scott	Haskins' Chapel	1st " Mar, June, Sept, Dec
D. A. Mewborn	J J Eason	Meadow	4th " " " " "
T. B. Lancaster	J H Mewborn	Mewborn's	2nd " " " " "
W. H. Fly	G W Hale	Mill Branch	1st " Feb, May, Aug, Nov
C. C. Bland	A J Carawan	Mount Lebanon.	
T. B Lancaster.	W H Smith	Nahunta	3rd " Mar, June, Sept, Dec
W. B Williford	W G Walker	Peach Tree	
J. W. Jackson	G W Thomas	Pleasant Hill	4th " Feb, May, Aug, Nov
H. B. Tucker	David Stocks	Red Banks	2nd " " " " "
	Ira Smith	Sandy Bottom	2nd " " " " "
	B D Rowe	Sandy Grove	1st " " " " "
W. B. Williford	J R Lindsay	Sappony	3rd " " " " "
A. M. Crisp	J E Cobb	Town Creek	2nd " " " " "
		Tyson's	3rd " " " " "
W. H. Fly	Jere Whitehead	Upper Town Ck.	3rd " Mar, June, Sept, Dec

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and Post Offices.

C. C. Bland, Ayden.	N. C.	J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount,	N. C.
W. W. Brinson, Reelsboro,	"	T. B. Lancaster, Saulston,	"
J. S. Corbitt, Grimesland,	"	D. A. Mewborn, Farmville,	"
G. M. Corbitt, Grimesland,	"	H. B. Tucker, Greenville,	"
A. M. Crisp, Crisp,	"	W. B. Williams, Elm City,	"
W. H. Fly, Rocky Mount,	"	*B. F. Scott, Trenton,	"
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro,	"	*J. A. Whitfield, Seven Springs,	"
Thos. C. Hart, Institute,	"	*Henry Cooper (col.), Elm City,	"

*Licentiates.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ELD. JOHN R. ROWE.

Elder John Riley Rowe, eldest son of John T. and Penelope Rowe, was born in Beaufort county, N. C, on the 3rd day of January, 1852. His parents were members and his father a deacon in the Primitive Baptist church in the days of his youth, and he early in life manifested love for Primitive Baptist ministers, who were frequently at his father's house.

He always held his parents in high esteem, and though he was wild and mischievous with other boys, they learned that they could place the most implicit confidence in what he told them—that same love of truth that was marked in his character through life having been implanted in him at that early age.

As soon as he could read the Bible was his favorite book, and he read it much with close attention, so that it was very useful to him in after life.

He was convicted of sin and converted to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus in early youth, and joined the Primitive Baptist church on Saturday before the first Sunday in March, 1869, and was baptized by Elder I. Jones.

The church, seeing evidences of his ministerial gift and calling, gave him license to preach wherever God in his providence might direct him, on the 1st Saturday in December, 1873, and on the 1st Sunday in March, 1875, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry by a presbytery consisting of Elders A. Jones and B. Whitford.

On the 7th day of October, 1877, he was married to Miss Nancy L Hardy, at his father's, by Elder L. H. Hardy. She proved to be a wife indeed, and as a minister's wife, with such labors in the Lord's vineyard as fell to his lot, she had few equals. Of this union were born unto them two sons and four daughters, all of whom survive him. He had the pleasure to baptize into the fellowship of his home church, Sandy Grove, his wife and oldest daughter, who are useful members and adornments to the church. He was early called on to serve churches in pastoral relationship, and different churches were added to the number of his charges until at the time of his death he was pastor of 7 churches—one in the Kekukee, one in the White Oak and five in the Contentnea Associations. Two of those churches were so situated as to require nearly one hundred miles travel in a sail boat at each visit. Some of the others were long distances from him, so that it was necessary for much of his time to be spent traveling to and from those churches. All those churches will certify to his great faithfulness in serving them, though he has been for several years a great sufferer with severe spells of sick headache, which continually grew more frequent to the end. He consulted several physicians in different parts of the country, but all to no beneficial purpose.

For some years he travelled considerably and preached, so that he was extensively known in this and some other States. Being raised up in the troublous war times, he was deprived of an education, but his strong common sense and love for improvement taught him to obey the injunction of the apostle, "Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," &c, and by the help of the Lord he was a speaker of marked ability and demonstration of the spirit.

In politics he was a Democrat, and served with distinction in the Legislature of

1893 and 1894, receiving praise from the speaker for his constant attendance and marked ability as a legislator. He was nominated for the Senate for the next term, but was defeated by the combination of the two opposing parties. He was a favorite of the people of his county, but since has steadily refused official honors.

He and his daughter, Sister Lula L. Rowe, left home Friday before the 1st Sunday in October to attend the Kehukee Association. He was put in the arrangement to preach on Sunday, but was taken sick Saturday night so that he was not able to attend Sunday, but was better Monday and preached the concluding sermon of the Association. He preached with power for over one hour and a half, which was his last sermon on earth. He was taken worse on Tuesday, and stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hodges, in two miles of Washington, where three able physicians were called. His father, one brother, and his daughter Ruby went to see and be with him, but all that they, together with many other friends, could do, could not stay the hand of death. The Lord called His servant home, and on Friday at 9 o'clock a. m. his spirit took its flight to its eternal home.

He was much loved by all his charges, and they feel that their loss is very great, so that it cannot be filled otherwise than by the great power of God; yet they do not feel to complain, feeling sure that it is a providence of God, and that what is their loss is his eternal gain; that his headaches and all other afflictions and privations are done, and he is now resting with Jesus and all the redeemed host of heaven, joining them in all their praises and worship to the adorable Lamb of God.

By economy and industry he has left his family a good home and free from debt. He has left behind him many to mourn their loss, including a dear, aged father, a loving, faithful wife, six children, three brothers, one sister, and many dear brethren, sisters and friends; but they mourn not as those without hope, for they feel the assurance that their great loss is his greater gain.

May the Lord bless all the bereaved and grant them reconciliation to this dispensation of His providence is the prayer of the unworthy writer, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Yours, in love and sorrow,

GEO. M. HARDY.

IDALIA, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Post offices.	Counties.	Names of Messengers.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Let.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Restored	Died..	No. in Fellowship.	Contribut'ns.
Autrey's Creek.....	Crisp	Edgecombe...	W R Abrams, J F Brown, A B Wooten.....	11	..	..	2	..	..	42	$2 60
Bear Creek.....	LaGrange	Lenoir.....	R W Sutton, Jas W Sutton, A R Sutton*	2	..	..	..	1	..	26	7 05
Beaver Dam.....	Kinston.....	Lenoir.....	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bethel.....	Grantsboro.	Pamlico	Represented by letter.....	1	..	..	1	..	..	33	2 00
Blount's Creek.....	Blount's Creek.....	Beaufort	G W Hill.....	1	..	..	..	..	1	35	1 75
Cedar Island.....	Roe.....	Carteret.....	Not represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cross Roads.....	Quinnerly	Pitt.....	Not represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Galloway's	Grimesland.....	Pitt.....	J B Williams, C M Corbitt, J S Corbitt*...	..	1	..	..	..	..	11	1 00
Goose Creek Island.	Lowland.....	Beaufort.....	H S Walston, J W Smith, J J Swindell	1	..	..	..	..	..	79	2 00
Hancock's.....	Ayden.....	Pitt.....	Benj Smith, Noah Cox.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	1 00
Haskins' Chapel.....	Bonus	Lenoir.....	Not represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meadow	Speight's Bridge ...	Greene.....	J J Eason, D A Mewborn, W J Craft*.....	3	..	..	..	..	..	26	4 05
Mewborn's	Bason	[illegible]	J J Mewborn, W H Wilkins, D H Mewborn.....	..	1	..	..	..	1	34	5 00
Mill Branch.....	Sharpsburg.....	Nash	J C Luper,* B W Hilly, J W Joyner..	2	..	..	..	1	..	38	2 00
Mount Lebanon....	Vanceboro	Craven	B S Willis, A P Whitford,* John Parson*.....	3	..	..	..	..	1	38	1 50
Nahunta	Saulston.....	Wayne.....	T B Lancaster, J W Gardner, W H Smith.....	5	..	..	2	..	1	117	5 86
Pleasant Hill.....	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe...	W H Fly, J L Drake, C W Thomas.....	8	..	..	2	..	..	79	2 00
Peach Tree.	Hunt's.....	Nash	W G Walker, J G Creedmore.....	1	1	..	..	..	..	23	1 50
Red Banks.....	Greenville	Pitt.....	G W Stokes, Guilford Page, A Williams.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	2 00
Sandy Bottom.....	Deep Run.....	Lenoir.....	Not represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sandy Grove..... ..	Idalia.....	Beaufort.....	I P Douty, T B Ross, B D Rowe*.....	2	..	2	..	..	1	46	2 00
Sappony.....	Nashville..... ...	Nash...	W A Joyner, D W Pittman.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	28	2 00
Town Creek.....	St. Lewis.....	Edgecombe...	J E Cobb, W F Watson, B F Harris*..	11	..	..	2	..	..	71	2 00
Tyson's.	Farmville.....	Pitt	Represented by letter.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	11	1 00
Upper Town Creek.	Elm City.....	Wilson	W B Williams, J M Stephenson, Jere Whitehead	18	..	1	1	2	1	116	2 00

MINUTES

OF THE

70th Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Meadow Meeting House

GREENE COUNTY, N. C.

—ON—

Saturday, Sunday and Monday 13th, 14th-15th of October 1900.

Landmark Print,
Wilson, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 13, 1900.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from the 5th chapter and 17th to 24th verses of John.

2. After a short intermission, the messengers from the several churches assembled, and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. W. Williard.

3. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen moderator, and brother L. J. H. Mewborn clerk, who called to his assistance brother G. M. Hardy.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers were invited to seats.

5. Appointed to preach this afternoon, Elders L. P. Adams and W. A Simpkins. Elder Adams opened and preached from 2nd Cor., 2:6,7, followed by Elder Simpkins from Deut., 32:2.

6. Brethren J. E. Cobb and I. P. Dowty were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations were called for:

(a). Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Elder P. W. Williard.
(b). Baltimore—Minutes.
(c). Black Creek—Minutes, B. A. Scott and others.
(d). Country Line—Minutes, Elders L. H. Hardy and J. A. Burch.
(e). Delaware—Minutes.
(f). Delaware River—Minutes.
(g). Eno—J. J. Whitfield and others.
(h). Kehukee—Minutes, Elder Strickland and others.
(i). Little River—Minutes, Elders Simpkins, Stephenson and others.
(j). Mayo.
(k). Mill Branch.
(l). New River.
(m). Seven Mile—Minutes, Eld. L. P. Adams and J. G. Turlington.
(n). Staunton River—Minutes.
(o). Toisnot—Minutes, brother Moore and other visitors.
(p). Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
(q). Warwick—Minutes.
(r). White Oak—Minutes, Elder I. Jones and others.

10. Brother J. D. Fly was appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch, and Bro. J. J. Eason to the White Oak Associations.

11. Appointed our next Association to be held at Town Creek meet-

ing house, in Edgecombe county, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1901, at 11 o'clock. a. m., and that Elder W. W. Brinson preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. C. Hart his alternate.

12. Elders Willard, Merideth, Hardy and Gold were appoidted to preach on Sunday

13. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations, also to send minutes as heretofore:

(a). Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
(b). Baltimore—Minutes.
(c). Black Creek—Minutes, Elder T. C. Hart and Bro. E. D. Barnes.
(d). Country Line—Minutes, T. C. Hart and W. B. Williams.
(e). Delaware—Minutes.
(f). Delaware River—Minutes.
(g). Eno—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams and J. W. Gardner.
(h). Kehukee—Minutes, Eld. T. C. Hart and Bros. J. J. Eason and G. M. Corbitt.
(i). Little River—Minutes, Elds. W. B. Williams and J. W. Gardner.
(j). Mayo—Minutes.
(k). Mill Branch—Minutes and Letter.
(l). New River—Minutes.
(m). Seven Mile—Minutes—Elders W. B. Williams, L. E. Everett and A. M. Crisp.
(n). Staunton River—Minutes.
(o). Toisnot—Minutes,
(p). Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
(q). Warwick—Minutes.
(r). White Oak—Minutes, Elders W. B. Williams, T. C. Hart, D. A. Mewborn.

14. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 14, 1900.

The services of the day were opened with praise and prayer by Elder I. Jones. Then Elder P. W. Williard preached from Matt. 18, followed by Elder W. W. Meredith from Isa., 27:12,13.

After an intermission of one hour the service was continued by L. H. Hardy, from Luke, 4:18,19. Elder P. D. Gold concluded from the words, "Who is on the Lord's side?" The preaching was with the ability the Lord giveth. Congregation large and well behaved. We pray that God may bless the words spoken, and it may be as seed sown on good ground, to grow up to the honor of the blessed Redeemer.

MONDAY MORNING, October 15, 1900.

1. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Staton.

2. Elders Burch, Moore and Jones were appointed to preach to-day. Elder Burch opened and preached from Titus, 2:1, followed by Elder

Moore from Psa., 108:1-8, and concluded by Elder Jones from portion of 22nd Rev.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

In hands of the treasurer		$ 0 00
Received from the churches this year		63 92
Paid for printing these minutes and postage	$16 00	
Clerk's compensation	10 00	
Given to the visiting ministers	37 92	—$63 92

Report received and committee discharged.

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W W Brinson	Reelsboro, "	J W Jackson	Rocky Mount, "
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*Licentiates.		*Henry Cooper, (col).	Elm City, "

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Baltimore	8	Baltimore,	Md.	Dr. John Thorn.
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Country Line	24	Ravenswood,	"	Eld. L H Hardy.
Delaware	7	State Roads,	Del.	Eld. E Rittenhouse
Delaware River	7	Southampton,	Pa.	Eld. S H Durand
Eno	6	Durham,	N. C.	G C Farthing.
Kehukee	42	Williamston,	"	Eld. S Hassell,
Little River	20	Gully's Mill,	"	Eld. J A T Jones.
Mayo	21	Tim,	Va.	Eld. E M Barnard.
Mill Branch	10	Clarendon,	N. C.	M M Harrelson.
New River	20	Floyd Court House,	Va.	Eld. P G Lester.
Seven Mile	12	Benson,	N. C.	C Hodges.
Staunton River	17	Ringgold,	"	R I. Dodson.
Toisnot	6	Whitaker's,	"	Eld. A J Moore.
Va. Corresponding Meeting	9	Aldie,	Va.	Eld. J N Badger.
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Beaver Dam	15	Kinston,	"	A F Lee.
Bethel	33	Alliance,	"	Wm Potter.
Blount's Creek	35	Edwards,	"	U L Edwards.
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Cross Roads	10	Quinerly,	"	C E Parkerson.
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Hancock's	13	Ayden,	"	Benj Smith.
Haskin's Chapel	7	Trenton,	"	B F Scott.
Meadow	28	Speight's Bridge,	"	J J Eason.
Mewborn's	38	Jason,	"	L J H Mewborn.
Mill Branch	38	Sharpsburg,	"	G W Hale.
Mount Lebanon	34	Vanceboro,	"	A J Carawin.
Nahunta	110	Saulston,	"	W H Smith.
Peach Tree	23	Spring Hope,	"	G W Walker.
Pleasant Hill	78	Rocky Mount,	"	G W Thomas.
Red Banks	60	Redalia,	"	David Stocks.
Sandy Bottom	10	Deep Run,	"	Ira Smith.
Sandy Grove	46	Small,	"	B D Rowe.
Sappony	28	Nashville,	"	J R Lindsay.
Town Creek	70	St Lewis,	"	J E Cobb.
Tyson's	11	Farmville,	"	Clayton Joyner.
Upper Town Creek	110	Elm City,	"	Jeremiah Whitehead

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	W R Abrams, J F Brown, A M Crisp	5	1	...	...	1	...	49	$2 60
Bear Creek	Lenoir	A R Sutton, J H Dawson, R W Sutton	...	1	...	1	...	1	26	7 50
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	By Letter	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	1 00
Bethel	Pamlico	Josiah Tingle	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	1 50
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G W Hill, U L Edwards,* Britton Edwards*	...	...	...	...	...	1	34	1 75
Cedar Island	Carteret. { 1899	{ By Letter	2	...	...	...	...	2	47	2 00
	{ 1900	{ Thos L Goodwin, S Emory, J W Styron* 1900	1	...	...	...	...	1	45	2 00
Cross Roads	Pitt		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Galloway	Pitt	G M Corbitt, J B Williams	...	...	...	...	...	11	1 00	
Goose Creek Island	Beaufort	J M Carawan, W T Dillon	4	...	...	2	...	2	79	2 00
Hancock's	Pitt	[illegible]	1	3	2	...	...	1	14	2 00
Haskins' Chapel	Lenoir		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meadow	Greene	J J Eason, D A Mewborn, W J Craft	1	...	...	...	...	2	25	3 70
Mewborn's	Greene	W H Wells, T C Hart, L J H Mewborn	...	...	...	...	...	2	32	5 70
Mill Branch	Nash	G W Hales, J W Joyner*, Emerson Joyner	10	...	...	...	2	3	45	2 00
Mount Lebanon	Craven	Hardy Willis, William Whitford, D B Caton	1	...	...	...	...	2	36	1 50
Nahunta	Wayne	T B Lancaster, J W Gardner, M S Smith	2	...	...	3	1	3	113	6 02
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J D Fly, W H Fly, H L Brake	5	...	1	...	...	1	82	2 00
Peach Tree	Nash	W G Walker, W C M Sikes	1	...	1	...	...	2	21	1 50
Red Banks	Pitt	James Hardie, James Williams, John Dunn	3	...	...	...	...	1	63	2 00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	By Letter	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	1 00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B D Rowe, G M Hardy, I P Dowty	...	...	...	...	...	3	13	2 00
Sapony	Nash	E B Barnes, W A Joyner	7	...	...	1	...	1	33	2 00
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Tyson's	Pitt	Clayton Joyner,* L E Everett, M Joyner*	5	2	...	...	...	...	18	2 50
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J M Stephenson, W B Williams, J B Williams	13	1	11	...	1	9	111	3 00

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71st Annual Session

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Primitive Baptist Association

—HELD AT—

TOWN CREEK MEETING HOUSE

Edgecombe County, N. C.

——COMMENCING ON——

SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY

OCT. 12TH, 13TH, AND 14TH, 1901.

Landmark Steam Printing House,
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1901.

PROCEEDINGS.

October 12th, 1901.

1st. The service was opened by Elder J. T. Rowe. Then Elder T. C. Hart preached from Heb. 2: 10.

2nd. After a short intermission the messenger from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praises and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3rd. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen moderator and brother L. J. H. Mewborne clerk, who called to his assistance brother B. D. Rowe.

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5th. Appointed to preach this afternoon: Elders J F. Farmer, J. T. Coats, P. W. Williard. Text, 2nd Cor. 1: 1; Text, Psalms, 104: 1, Text, Matt. 22: 29.

6th. Brethren I. P. Douty and J. E. Cobb were appointed a committee on Finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association. The church at Damascus petitioned and was received a member.

9th. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for:

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(b) Baltimo e—Elder J. T. Rowe.
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11th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Red Banks meeting house in Pitt county, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1902, at 11 o'clock a. m. and that

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J S Corbitt	G M Corbitt	Galloway's	1st " " " " "
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C C Bland	A J Carrawan	Mt. Lebanon	
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J W Jackson	G W Thomas	Pleasant Hill	4th " " " " "
H *B* Tucker	David Stocks	Red *Banks*	2nd " " " " "
	Ira Smith	Sandy *Bottom*	2nd " " " " "
W W *Brinson*	*B* D Rowe	Sandy Grove	1st " " " " "
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Counties.	Names of Messengers.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Fellowship.	Contributions.
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	J F Brown, A B Wooten, R B Edwards*	4	..	..	..	..	1	52	$ 3 00
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R W Sutton, Jos W Sutton, J A Whitfield*	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	6 00
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Represented by letter	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1 00
Bethel	Pamlico	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G W Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	1 50
Cedar Island	Carteret	W W Styron. T L Goodwin, J H Goodwin	10	1	..	1	..	2	53	2 00
Cross Roads	Pitt	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Galloway's	Pitt	Jas S Corbitt, G M Corbitt, J B Williams	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1 00
Goose Cr'k Island	Beaufort	Jas T Leary, Abram E Hopkins	..	1	..	..	2	1	81	2 00
Hancock's	Pitt	Benjamin Smith, Noah Cox	..	..	2	..	..	..	14	2 00
Haskins' Chapel	Lenoir	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meadow	Greene	J J Eason, W J Craft, D A Mewborn	..	..	..	..	..	..	89	4 75
Mewborn's	Greene	T C Hart, L J H Mewborn, W H Wells*	..	..	..	1	..	..	31	5 25
Mill Branch	Nash	G W Hales, Emerson Joyner, T J Robbins	2	..	..	1	1	2	45	2 00
Mount Lebanon	Craven	Bryan C Whitford, A J Whitford, John Parson*	3	..	..	1	..	1	38	1 50
Nahunta	Wayne	T B Lancaster, W H Smith,* James McKeel	3	..	†1	..	..	3	110	7 50
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W H Fly, J D Fly, J L Brake	1	..	1	..	..	3	79	3 00
Peach Tree	Nash	W G Walker, W C M Sikes	..	..	..	..	..	1	20	1 50
Red Banks	Pitt	J T Dunn, G Page, G W Stokes	..	..	..	..	..	3	60	3 00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Represented by letter	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1 25
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B D Rowe, I P Douty, T B Ross*	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	2 00
Sappony	Nash	John R Lindsay, Dallis Odum	1	..	..	3	..	2	30	2 00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	Jesse Brazwell, J H Boseman, J H Evans	3	..	..	..	..	5	69	300
Tyson's	Pitt	A P Turnage, Alford Moore, Clayton Joyner	7	..	3	1	..	..	21	4 10
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W B Williams, J M Stephenson, D L Batts	9	4	..	2	..	5	117	3 00
Damascus	Pitt	L E Everett	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	1 85

†Nahunt received 1 by confession of faith.

MINUTES

OF THE 72nd ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD AT

RED BANKS MEETING HOUSE,

PITT COUNTY, N. C.

—CONVENING ON—

SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY,
OCTOBER 11, 12 AND 13, 1902.

P. D Gold & Son, Printer
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1902.

PROCEEDINGS.

October 11, 1902.

1. The services were opened by Elder P. D. Gold. Then Elder W. H. Fly preached from II Tim. iv: 2.

2. After a short intermission the messengers from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. P. Adams.

3. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen moderator and Brother L. J. H. Mewborn clerk, who called to his assistance Bro. George M. Hardy.

4. Visiting brethren and Messengers were invited to seats.

5. Appointed to preach this afternoon: Elders L. P. Adams, and J. E. Adams. Text Eph. ii: 4; John vi: 38 39.

6. Brethren J. E. Cobb and I. P. Dowty were appointed a committee on Finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9 Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for.

(a) Abbott's Creek —Minutes.
(b) Baltimore—Minutes.
(c) Black Creek—Minutes—Elder P. D. Gold and Bro. Thos. Clark.
(d) Country Line—Minutes—Elder J A Burch and Bro. J W Gilliam.
(e) Delaware—Minutes.
(f) Delaware River—Minutes.
(g) Eno—Minutes.
(h) Kehukee—Minutes—I. Bass, L. Flemming, M Shingleton, and Elders Lawrence, G D Roberson and Samuel Moore.
(i) Little River—Minutes—Eldr J. E. Adams and minutes.
(j) Mayo—No communication.
(k) Mill Branch—Minutes.
(l) New River—No communication.
(m) Seven Miles—Minuets—Elder L P Adams.
(n) Staunton River—No communication.
(o) Virginia Corresponding Meeting, Minutes.
(p) Warwick—Minutes.
(q) White Oak—Minutes—Elder I. Jones and Bro. M. N. White.

10. Brother J. P. Tingle was appointed to write the letter to Mill Branch and Brother T. C. Hart to White Oak Associations.

11. Appointed our next Association to be held at Sandy Grove Meeting House in Beaufort county, N. C., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1903, at 11 o'clock a m and that Elder C C Bland preach the introductory sermon and Elder Thos C Hart his alternate.

12. Elders Gold, Burch, Roberson and Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

13. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations, also to send minutes as heretofore:

(a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
(b) Baltimore—Minutes.
(c) Black Creek—Minutes, T C Hart. H Pate, W B Williams.
(d) Country Line—Minutes, Elders T B Lancaster, W B Williams.
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(q) White Oak—Minutes, Elder T. C. Hart, W W Brinson, W B Williams.

14. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 12, 1902.

The services of the day were opened by Elder P D Gold who preached from John xvii: 11, followed by Elder J A Burch from John xiv: 29.

After an intermission the services were resumed by Elder George D. Roberson from Acts xx:20. Elder Isaac Jones closed—Matt. iii:16 We feel the preaching was of the Lord and may he have all the glory. It was a lovely meeting and we feel some poor soul got a crumb by the shepherds' tent

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 13, 1902.

1. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J A Burch.

2. Elders Lawrence, Jones and Moore were appointed to preach today. Elder Lawrence opened and preached fromLuke i: 17, followed by Eld Isaac Jones from Hebrews xi: 1. Elder Samuel Moore closed from words "Look upon Zion," &c.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

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In hands of Treasurer		64 70
Received from the churches this year		
Paid for printing these minutes and postage	$16 00	
Clerks' compensation	10 00	
Gave to the visiting Ministers	38 70	
	$64 70	$64 70

4. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5 The letters to the Mill Branch and White Oak Associations were read, approved and forwarded.

6. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

Resolved, that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

7. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such,

8. Resolved, That our clerk have 1 200 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $10 for his services.

9. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10 On motion, the clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

11. On motion, the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

12. A majority of the churches having expressed in their letter that they desired no change in the time of holding the association it is hereby agreed that the next session be held as stated in article eleven, Saturday's proceedings.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder Burch.

The following brethren agreed to visit the church at Sandy Bottom as follows.

November, T. B. Lancaster; December, T. C. Hart; January, T. C. Hart; February, D H. Newborn; March W. H. Fly; April J. S. Corbitt; May, C. C. Bland; June, Thos. Clark; July, W W. Brinson; August, Geo. M. Corbett; September. A. M. Crisp;

Eld. W. B WILLIAMS,
Moderator.

L. J. H. Mewborn, Clerk.
G. M. Hardy, Assistant Clerk.

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Articles of Faith.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a professiou of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association accordiug to the following plan or form of government.

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	U. L. Edwards	Edwards	3rd " January, April, July, Oct.
E. E. Lunday	T. E. Harris	Cedar Island	3rd " Feb., May, August, Nov.
	C. E. Parkerson	Cross Roads	4th " March, June, Sept., Dec.
J. S. Corbitt	G. M. Corbitt	Galloway's	1st " " " " "
E. E. Lundy	Jos. Potter, Jr.	Goose Cr'k Island	4th " Jan., April, July, Oct.
C. C. Bland	Benj. Smith	Hancock's	3rd " Feb., May, August, Nov.
	B. F. Scott	Haskin's Chapel	1st " March, June, Sept., Dec.
D. A. Mewborn	J. J. Eason	Meadow	4th " " " " "
T. B. Lancaster	L. J. H. Mewborn	Mewborn's	2nd " " " " "
W. H. Fly	G. W. Hale	Mill Branch	1st " Feb., May, August, Nov.
C. C. Bland	A. J. Carrawan	Mt. Lebanon	4th " " " " "
T. B. Lucaster	W. H. Smith	Nahunta	3rd " March, June, Sept., Dec.
M. B. Williford	W. G. Walker	Peach Tree	2nd " Feb., May, August, Nov.
J. W. Jackson	G. W. Thomas	Pleasant Hill	4th " " " " "
H. B. Tucker	David Stocks	Red Banks	2nd " " " " "
	Ira Smith	Sandy Bottom	2nd " " " " "
W. W. Brinson	B. D. Rowe	Sandy Grove	1st " " " " "
M. B. Williford	J. R. Lindsay	Sapony	3rd " " " " "
A. M. Crisp	J. E. Cobb	Town Creek	2nd " " " " "
W. H. Fly	A. P. Turnage.	Tyson's	3rd " " " " "
	Jere Whitehead.	Upper Town Creek	3rd " March, June, Sept., Dec.
		Damascus	2nd " " " " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Fellowship.	Contributions.
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	A. M. Crisp, J. F. Brown, W. R. Abram	5		1	1		2	33	$2 50
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, J. R. Dawson, J. S. Sutton						1	24	1 00
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Represented by Letter						1	11	1 00
Bethel (1901)	Pamlico	Represented by Letter	32			3		2	33	1 50
Bethel (1902)	Pamlico	1901 Represented by Letter			1			2	31	1 50
		1902 W. W. Brinson, J. T. Tingle, W. K. Rowe			1		1	2	31	1 75
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G. W. Hill, A. E. Hill*	1					1	55	2 50
Cedar Island	Carteret	S. Emory, W. G. Goodwin, W. Goodwin							7	1 00
Cross Roads	Pitt	Represented by Letter				1			11	1 00
Damascus	Pitt	D. A. Mewborn						1	81	2 00
Galloways	Pitt	J. B. Williams, G. M. Corbitt, J. C. Corbitt	32			1			15	2 00
Goose Creek Island	Beaufort	Represented by Letter							55	
Hancock's	Pitt	Robert Wilson, J. Cox, Noah Cox							27	
Haskin's Chapel	Lenoir	B. F. Scott	4		1			1	30	3 85
Meadow	Greene	D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason, W. J. Craft*							42	1 50
Mewborn's	Greene	Thos. C. Hart, J. L. Mewborn, L. J. H. Mewborn	1		1	1	1	3	38	1 50
Mill Branch	Nash	G. W. Hale, Emerson Joyner, W. N. Joyner*	1	2				2	111	7 80
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A. P. Whitford, A. J. Whitford	5			2		1	83	3 00
Nahunta	Wayne	T. B. Lancaster, James McKeel, H. Pate	5						20	1 50
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W. H. Fly, J. D. Fly, J. L. Brake						3	58	3 00
Peach Tree	Nash	W. G. Walker, W. C. M. Sikes	1						6	1 00
Red Banks	Pitt	David Stocks, H. B. Tucker, G. Page					1	1	43	2 00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Represented by Letter		1				1	30	2 00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	G. M. Hardy, L. P. Dowty, T. R. Ross						5	65	2 00
Sapony	Nash	E. B. Barnes,* J. R. Lindsay	1						21	2 00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Coib, H. H. Drake, B. F. Harris								
Tyson's	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, A. Moore,* C. Joyner	8	5		4		5	122	3 00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. B. Williams, J. J. Moore, J. B. Williams								

*Those marked * absent.

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-fourth Annual Session

OF THE

CONTENTNEA

Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the Church at

Mewborn's Meeting House,

GREENE COUNTY, N. C.,

Saturday, Sunday and Monday,

October 8, 9, and 10, 1904.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday Morning, October 8, 1904.

1st. The services were opened by Elder D. A. Mewhorn, who preached from Isa. 40—1 to 5, inclusive.

2nd. After a short intermission the Messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3rd. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen Moderator, and Brother L. J. H. Mewborn, Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders G. Bryant and J. T. Coats were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Bryant opened and preached from Heb. 12—24, followed by Elder Coats from John 1—29.

6th. Brethren J. P. Tingle and T. B. Lancaster were appointed a Committee on Finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches, and the Messengers' names enrolled in the Table of Churches.

8th. Petitionary letter were called for to join the Association. One from Sheffield was received.

9th. Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations were called for.

Abbott's Creek—

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold and J. F. Farmer.

Country Line—Minutes, Elders J. A. Burch and L. H. Hardy.

Delaware—Minutes

Delaware River—Minutes.

Eno—No communication.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elder G. D. Roberson and Brother L. Flemming.

Little River—Minutes, Elders J. E. Adams, J. T. Coats, Brother J. B. Hardie.

Mayo—No

Mill Branch—No

New River—No

Seven Mile—No

Staunton River—No

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elders I. Jones, G. Bryant and Brother N. M. White.

Appointed our next Association to be held at Autrey's Creek meeting house in Edgecombe county, N. C., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1905, at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder W. W. Brinson preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B. Lancaster his alternate.

11. Elders J. F. Farmer, L. H. Hardy, P. D. Gold and I. Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also to send Minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, L. J. H. Mewborn, J. L. Mewborn and Elders W. B. Williams and T. B. Lancaster.

Country Line—Minutes Elders W. B. Williams, D. A. Mewborn.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Eno—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elders W. W. Brinson, G. M. Corbett, Brethren B. Smith, G. W. Stallings.

Little River—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.

Mayo—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Miles—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.

Staunton River—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes. Brethren B. F. Scott and Elder W. W. Brinson.

13. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Sunday Morning, October 9, 1904.

The services of the day were opened by Elder J. F. Farmer from

Cor. 5—17; Elder Hardy continued from Rom. 1:15—17; Elder Gold continued from Heb. 1:1—8‡; Elder Jones closed from Rom. 5—12. A large well behaved crowd, and we pray the Lord may bless the word spoken that some poor soul may receive a crumb.

Monday Morning, October 10, 1904.

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Burch.

2nd. Elders J. E. Adams, J. A. Burch and Elder P. D. Gold occupied the stand to-day. Elder Adams opened and preached from Eph. 5—8, followed by Elder Burch from Jonah 2—6; Elder Gold closed from 1 Peter 1:1—3.

3rd. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

In the hands of the treasurer		
Received from the churches this year.....		$73.06
Paid for printing Minutes and postage.....	$ 16.00	
Clerk compensation	10.00	
Gave to the visiting ministers	47.06	
	$ 73.06	$ 73.06

Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of Messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5th. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

6th. Resolved, That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the Minutes.

7th. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

8th. Resolved, That our clerk have 1,200 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with

whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $10 for his services.

9th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10th. On motion, the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion the thanks of the Association are here tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

12th. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

ELDER W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk, Snow Hill, N. C.

G. M. HARDY, Asst. Clerk, Small, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND POST OFFICES.

C. C. Bland.. .. ..Ayden, N. C.
W. W. Brinson .. ..Reelsboro, N. C.
J. S. Corbett .. . . Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbett .. .. Greenville, N. C.
A. M. Crisp .. .. Crisp, N. C.
W. H. Fly .. ..Rocky Mount, N. C.
J. W. Gardner .. .. Goldsboro, N. C.
J. W. Jackson .. .. Rocky Mount, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster .. ..Goldsboro, N. C.
D. A. Mewborn .. .. R. F. D. No. 1, Farmville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker .. .. Greenville. N. C.
W. B. Williams .. .. Elm City, N. C.
*J. D. Fly .. .. Rocky Mount, N. C.
G. W. Stakes.

Those market thus * licentiates.

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Delaware—S. H. Durand, Southampton, Pa., 7 copies.
Delaware River—Elijah Leigh, Princeton, N. J., 7 copies.
Eno—G. C. Farthing, Durham, N. C., 6 copies.
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, 42 copies.
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Bethel—John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 33 copies.
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Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards Edwards, N. C., 35 copies.
Cedar Island—Thomas L. Goodwin, Roe, N. C., 35 copies.
Cross Roads—G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 10 copies.
Galloway's—G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 12 copies.
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Hancock's—Benjamin Smith, Ayden, N. C., 13 copies.
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Mewborn—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill R. F. D. 4, 28 copies.
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Town Creek—J. E. Cobb, Tarboro, N. C., 70 copies.
Tyson's—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 22 copies.
Upper Town Creek—Jere Whitehead, Elm City, N. C., 110 copies.
Damascus—D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., 15 copies.
Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, New Bern, R. F. D. No 1, 10 copies.

NAMES OF PASTORS, CLERKS AND CHURCHES.

Autrey's Creek—Amos M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, clerk.
Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; A. R. Sutton, clerk.
Beaver Dam—Gardner Bryant, pastor; A. F. Lee, clerk.
Bethel—W. W. Brinson pastor; John P. Tingle, clerk.
Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards, clerk.
Cedar Island—E. E. Lunday, pastor; T. E. Harris, clerk.
Cross Roads—
Galloway's—J. S. Corbett, pastor; G. M. Corbett, clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lunday, pastor; Jos. Potter, Jr., clerk.
Hancock's—C. C. Bland, pastor; Benj. Smith, clerk.
Haskin's Chapel—B. F. Scott, clerk.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, pastor.
Mewborn's—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; L. J. H. Mewborn, clerk.
Mill Branch—W. H. Fly pastor; G. W. Hale, clerk.
Mount Lebanon—G. Bryant, pastor; W. D. Whitford, clerk.
Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; W. H. Smith clerk.
Peach Tree—M. B. Williford, pastor; W. G. Walker, clerk.
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Jackson, pastor; G. W. Thomas, clerk.
Red Banks—H. B. Tucker, pastor; David Stocks, clerk.
Sandy Bottom—J. W. Gardner pastor; J. A. Croom, clerk.
Sandy Grove—B. D. Rowe, clerk.
Sappony—M. B. Williford, pastor; J. R. Lindsay, clerk.
Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. E. Cobb, clerk.
Tyson's—A. M. Crisp, pastor, A. P. Turnage, clerk.
Upper Town Creek—W. H. Fly, pastor; Jeremiah Whitehead, clerk.
Damascus—
Sheffield—E. E. Lundy, pastor; Josiah Tingle, clerk.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Autrey's Creek, first Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bear Creek, first Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Beaver Dam, fourth Sunday in March, June September and December.

Bethel, second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Blount's Creek, fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Cedar Island, third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Cross Roads, fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Galloway's, first Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island, fourth Sunday in February, May Aug. and November.

Hancock's, third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Haskin's Chapel, first Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Meadow, fourth Sunday in March, June September and December.

Mewborn's, Second Sunday in March, June, September, and December.

Mill Branch first Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Mount Lebanon, fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Nahunta, third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Peach Tree, second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Pleasant Hill, fourth Sunday in February, May August and November.

Red Banks, second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sandy Bottom, second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sandy Grove, first Sunday in March June, September and December.

Sappony, third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Town Creek, second Sunday in March, June,September and December.

Tyson's, third Sunday in March, June, September, and December.

Upper Town Creek, third Sunday in February, May,August and November.

Damascus, first Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Sheffield, first Sunday in February, May, August and November.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject unless he break the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion of he chooses before the matter is put to a vote, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willinginly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Christ, be-

ing regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plant or form of government.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their representative churches, certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellow, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union upon their petition by letters and messengers and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presentd by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method of

effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of this Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: First to provide for the general union of all the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund, for any purpose strictly connected with the Association; sixth, to appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association; ninth, to adjourn at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion, conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any in the bounds of the Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to sup-

port any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our church.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total No. in Fellowship.	Finance.
Autr. y's Creek	Edgecombe	J. F. Brown, R. B. Edwards, S. M. Smith	3	..	..	1	1	3	55	$3 00
Rear Creek	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson, R. W. Sutton, J. W. Sutton	..	1	..	..	..	1	28	8 25
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	S. L. Turner,* A. F. Lee	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	1 00
Bethel	Pamlico	W. W. Brinson, J. P. Tingle, H. A. Gaskin	..	1	4	..	..	1	24	1 50
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G. W. Hill	..	..	2	..	..	1	26	1 75
Cedar Island	Carteret	T. L. Goodwin, W. R. Mason, J. H. Goodwin	2	..	..	..	..	2	53	3 00
Cross Road. s	Pitt	Not represented.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	.....
Damascus	Pitt	D. A. Mewborn	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1 25
Galloway's	Pitt	J. B. Williams, G. M. Corbitt, J. P. Leavy*	1	..	..	..	..	..	13	1 00
Goose Creek Island	Beaufort	J. M. Carawin, P. M. Carawin	1	..	..	..	..	..	82	2 00
Hanco k's	Pitt	B. Smith, Noah Cox, Elias McLawhorn	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	2 00
Haskins' Chapel	Lenoir	Jerry Walters,* B. F. Scott	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	1 00
Meadow	Greene	J. J. Eason, W. J. Craft, W. L. Horton	2	..	..	1	..	..	30	5 25
Mewborn's	Greene	J. L. Mewborn, W. H. Wells, L. J. H. Mewborn	..	..	1	..	..	..	27	7 50
Mill Branch	Nash	J. W. Joyner, W N. Joyner, G. W. Hale	1	..	..	3	1	2	35	1 50
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A. J. Whitford, A. P. Whitford, B. Atkinson*	..	..	..	..	..	2	34	1 50
Nahunta	Wayne	E. B. Lancaster, W. H. Smith, Richard Pate*	..	..	..	1	1	5	107	9 01
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, J. L. Brake	2	1	..	..	2	..	86	3 00
Peach Tree	Nash	W. G. Walker, G. W. Stallings	..	..	1	2	..	1	17	1 50
Red Ba ks	Pitt	D. Stocks,* J. T. Dunn, A. Williams*	..	..	..	1	..	5	56	3 00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Ira Smith,* J. A. Croom	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	1 00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	G. M. Hardy, I. P. Donty, W. H. Edwards	..	1	..	..	..	3	46	4 55
Sappony	Nash	E. B. Barnes, W. A. Joyner	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1 50
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb,* H. H. Drake, J. L. Proctor	4	..	..	..	1	..	65	2 00
Tyson's	Pitt	Clayton Joyner,* A. Moore, A. P. Turnage	1	..	..	..	..	..	22	2 00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. R. Williams, D. L. Batts,* J. Edwards	15	..	1	..	2	5	127	3 00
Sheffield	Craven	Josiah Tingle, W. K. Rowe,* W. A. Edwards	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1 00

Those marked * absent.

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-third Annual Session

OF THE

CONTENTNEA

Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD AT

Sandy Grove Meeting House,

BEAUFORT COUNTY, N. C.,

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 10, 11 and 12, 1903.

PRESSES OF
P. D. GOLD PUBLISHING CO.,
WILSON, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday morning October 10th, 1903.

1st. The service was opened by Elder C. C. Bland, who preached from Acts 7-59.

2nd. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. L. Harrison.

3rd. W. B. Williams was chosen moderator, and Brother L. J. H. Mewborne, clerk, who called to his assistance Brother George M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders J. A. Burch and Isaac Jones were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder J. A. Burch opened, and preached from 2nd Peter, 1-3, followed by Elder Isaac Jones from the words, Salvation is of the Lord.

6th. Brethren J. P. Tingle and T. B. Lancaster were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churchs.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches, and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petionary letters were called for to join the association.

9th. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for.

(a). Abbotts Creek—No communication.

(b). Baltimore—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

(c). Black Creek—Minutes, Elder P. D. Gold.

(d). Country Line—Minutes, Elder J. A. Burch.

(e). Delaware—Minutes.

(f). Delaware River—Minutes.

(g). Eno—No communication.

(h). Kehukee—Minutes, Elders Charles Meades, A. L. Harrison and Brother L. Fleming and others.

(i). Little River—No communication.

(j). Mayo—No communication.

(k). Mill Branch—Minutes.

(l). New River—No communication.

(m). Seven Miles—Minutes.

(n). Stauntou River—No communication.

(o). Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

(p). Warwick—Minutes.

(q). White Oak—Minutes, Elder I. Jones and Brother M. N. White

10th. Appointed our next association to be held at Newborn meeting house, in Green county, N. C., on Saturday beforethe secoond Sunday in October, 1904, at 11 o'eloek a. m., and that Elder D. A. Newborn preaeh the introduetory sermon, and Elder J. W. Jaekson his alternate.

11. Elders Charles Meades J. K. Booton, J. T. Rowe and P. D. Gold were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brothers agreed to visit sister associations, also to send minutes as heretofore:

(a). Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

(b). Baltimore—Minutes.

(c). Black Creek—Minutes, H. Pate, J. J. Eason, Elder T. C. Hart.

(d). Country Line—Minutes, Elders T. C. Hart, W. B. Williams.

(e). Delaware—Minutes.

(f). Delaware River—Minutes.

(g). Eno—Minutes.

(h). Kehukee—Minutes, H. H. Drake, G. W. Hale, R. E. Adams.

(i). Little River—Minutes, Elders T. B. Lancaster, W. B. Williams.

(j). Mayo—Minutes.

(k). Mill Branch—Minutes.

(l). New River—Minutes.

(m). Seven Miles—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.

(n). Staunton River—Minutes.

(o). Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

(p) Warwick—Minutes.

(q). White Oak—Minutes, Elders T. B. Lancaster, D. A. Newborn, W. W. Brinson.

13th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Sunday morning, October 10, 1903.

The services of the day were opened by Elder Charles Meades, from St. John 6-40, followed by Elder J. K. Booton from 1st Timothy 3:16. After an intermission services were resumed, Elder J. T. Rowe from Rome 5-19. Elder P. D. Gold closed from Hebrews last chapterand 21-22 verses.

The preaching was with love and harmonyfrom the Lord and we praythat some poor hungry soul receive a crumb.

Monday Morning Oct. 11, 1903.

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

2nd. Elders A. L. Harrison, T. B. Lancaster and W. H. Fly, Elder Harrison opened and preached from Eph. 2-8. followed by Elder T. B. Lancaster from 1st Cor. 1:30. Elder W. H. Fly closed with very appropriate remarks.

3rd. The committee on finance made the following report:

In the hands of the treasurer	$
Received from the churches this year	69.52
In the hands of the treasurer	$16.00
Clerk's compensation	10.00
Gave to the visiting ministers	43.52
	$69.52 $69.52

Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5th. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

6th. Resolved, That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

7th. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

8th. Resolved, That our clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $10 for his services.

9th. On motion it was resolved by the association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said association grounds during its session.

10th. On motion, the clerk was appointed treasurer of the association.

11th. On motion, the thanks of the association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the associaton.

12th. There seems to be a growing feeling among the churches to

represent by letter alone. It is therefore resolved by the association that hereafter the churches must represent by messengers as well as letter.

13th. On motion adjourned to time and place. Prayer by Elder C. Meades.

W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk, Snow Hill, N. C.

L. M. HARDY, Assistant Clerk.

The following brethren agreed to visit Sandy Bottom.

November—C. C. Bland.

December—T. C. Hart.

January—T. C. Hart.

February—G. M. Corbett.

March—W. H. Fly

April—G. W. Gardner.

May—C. C. Bland.

June—Thomas Clark.

July—W. W. Brinson.

August—G. M. Corbett.

September—A. M. Crisp.

RULES OF DECORUM AND ARTICLES OF FAITH.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1.—This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2.—The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3.—Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and addres the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4.—The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

Art. 5.—He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6.—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7.—No person shall rise or speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8.—No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9.—No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10.—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject unless he break the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 11.—The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12.—The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before the matter is put to a vote, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13.—Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Christ,

being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their representative churches, certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, recived by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union upon their petition by letters and messengers and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an As-

sociation fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of this Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15.—The Association shall have power: First to provide for the general union of all the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an association fund, for any

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which they may deem it necessary; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in our Association; ninth, to adjourn to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of preacher who shall travel within the bounds of the Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or

Sunday school union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our churches

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Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and Postoffices.

C. C. Bland	Ayden, N. C.	J. W. Jackson	Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. W. Brinson	Reelsboro, "	T. B. Lancaster	Saulston, "
J. S. Corbitt	Greenville, "	D. A. Mewborn	Farmville, "
G. M. Corbitt	Greenville, "	H. B. Tucker	Greenville, "
A. M. Crisp	Crisp, "	W. B. Williams	Elm City, "
W. H. Fly	Rocky Mount, "	R. E. Scott	Trenton, "
J. W. Gardner	Goldsboro, "		
Thos C. Hart, r. f. d. 1	LaGrange, "	J. D. Fly	Rocky Mount, "

Distribution of Minutes to the Associations.

ASSOCIATION.	NO	POST OFFICE.	SENT IN CARE OF.
Abbott's Creek	12	Martin's Mills, N. C.	A. P. Leach.
Baltimore	8	Baltimore, Md.	Dr. John Thorn.
Black Creek	24	Wilson, N. C.	Eld. P. D. Gold.
Country Line	24	Reidsville, "	Eld. L. H. Hardy.
Delaware	7	State Roads, Del.	Eld. E. Rittenhouse.
Delaware River	7	Southampton, Pa.	Eld. S. H. Durand.
Eno	6	Durham, N. C.	G. C. Farthing.
Kehukee	42	Williamston, "	Eld. S. Hassell.
Little River	20	Gulley's Mill, "	Eld. J. A. T. Jones.
Mayo	21	Tim, Va.	Eld. E. M. Bernard.
Mill Branch	10	Clarendon, N. C.	M. M. Harrelson.
New River	20	Floyd C. H. Va.	Eld. P. G. Lester.
Seven Mile	12	Benson, N. C.	C. Hodges.
Staunton River	17	Ringgold, "	R. L. Dodson
Va. Cor. Meeting	9	Aldie, Va.	Eld. J. N. Badger.
Warwick	9	Middletown, N. Y.	Eld. H. C. Keer.
White Oak	10	Maple Hill, N. C.	Eld. Isaac Jones.

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches.

CHURCHES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.		CARE OF.
trey's Creek	40	Crisp,	N. C.	J. F. Brown.
ar Creek	25	LaGrange,	"	A. R. Sutton.
aver Dam	15	Deep Run,	"	A. F. Lee.
thel	83	Grantsboro,	"	John P. Tingle.
unt's Creek	35	Edwards,	"	U. L. Edwards.
lar Island	35	Roe,	"	Thomas L. Goodwin.
ss Roads	10	Greenville,	"	G. M. Corbitt.
lloway's	12	Greenville,	"	G. M. Corbitt.
ose Creek Island	75	Lowlands,	"	James Potter, Jr.
ncock's	13	Ayden,	"	Benj. Smith.
skin's Chapel	7	Trenton,	"	B. F. Scott.
adow	28	Speight's Bridge,	"	J. J. Eason.
wborn's	38	Snow Hill,	"	L. J. H. Mewborn.
ll Branch	38	Sharpsburg,	"	G. W. Hale.
unt Lebanon	34	Zoral,	"	W. D. Whitford.
hunta	110	Saulston,	"	W. H. Smith.
ach Tree	23	Spring Hope,	"	W. G. Walker.
asant Hill	78	Rocky Mount,	"	G. W. Thomas.
d Banks	60	Winterville,	"	David Stocks.
ady Bottom	10	Deep Run,	"	Ira Smith.
ady Grove	46	Small.	"	B. D. Rowe.
ppony	28	Nashville,	"	J. R. Lindsay.
wn Creek	70	Tarboro,	"	J. E. Cobb.
son's	21	Farmville,	"	A. P. Turnage.
per Town Creek	110	Elm City,	"	Jeremiah Whitehead.
mascus	15	Farmville,	"	D. A. Mewborn.

Names of pastors, Clerks, Churches and Times of Holding Quarterly Meetings.

PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CHURCHES.
M. Crisp	J. F. Brown	Autry's Creek
B. Lancaster	A. R. Sutton	Bear Creek
rdner Bryant	A. F. Lee	Beaver Dam
W. Brinson	John P. Tingle	Bethel
	U. L. Edwards	Blount's Creek
E. Lunday	T. E. Harris	Cedar Island
		Cross Roads
S. Corbitt	G. M. Corbitt	Galloway's
E. Lunday	Jos. Potter, Jr	Goose Creek Island
C. Bland	Benj. Smith	Hancock's
	B. F. Scott	Haskin's Chapel
A. Mewborn		Meadow
B. Lancaster	L. J. H. Mewborn	Mewborn's
H. Fly	G. W. Hale	Mill Branch
C. Bland	A. J. Carrawan	Mount Lebanon
B. Lancaster	W. H. Smith	Nahunta
B. Williford	W. G. Walker	Peach Tree
W. Jackson	G. W. Thomas	Pleasant Hill
B. Tucker	David Stocks	Red Banks
	Ira Smith	Sandy Bottom
W. Brinson	B. D. Rowe	Sandy Grove
B. Williford	J. R. Lindsay	Sappony
M. Crisp	J. E. Cobb	Town Creek
M. Crisp	A. P. Turnage	Tyson's
H. Fly	Jere Whitehead	Upper Town Creek
		Damascus

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Counties.	Messengers.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Le	Dis. by Le	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	In Fellowsh	Contributio
Autrey's Creek,	Edgecombe.....	D Owen, B W Bell, S M Smith	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	55	2 50
Bear Creek.....	Lenoir.....	J H Dawson, R W Sutton, Jas Sutton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	23	7 25
Beaver Dam....	Lenoir.....	By Letter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	1 00
Bethel	Pamlico	Josiah Tingle, J E Ireland, J P Tingle	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	28	2 00
Blount's Creek,	Beaufort	W L Edwards,* G W Hill, A E Hill.*.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	29	1 75
Cedar Island...	Carteret.....	Wright Goodwin, W R Mason, Jesse Newton.....	3	.....	.....	1	.....	2	53	5 00
Cross Roads.....	Pitt.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 00
Damascus	Pitt	D A Mewborn	.....	.	.....	.....	.	....	6	1 00
Galloway	Pitt.....	J B Williams, G W Corbitt.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	12	1 00
Goose Crk Isl'd	Beaufort.....	P Carawan, A E Hopkins, G W Hill.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	81	2 00
Hancock's	Pitt.....	C Bland, Benj. Smith,* N Cox	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	14	2 00
Haskin's Chap'l	Lenoir.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	....	0 00
Meadow.....	Greene	D A Mewborn, J J Eason, W J Craft*.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	...	29	6 45
Mewborn's.....	Greene	J L Mewborn, T C Hart, L J H Mewborn	....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	28	5 35
Mill Branch....	Nash	G W Hale, T G Robbins,* J W Joyner.....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	4	38	2 50
Mt. Lebanon	Craven	A J Whitford, H B Willis.....	.....	1	.....	....	.....	3	36	1 50
Nahunta.....	Wayne.....	T B Lancaster, H Pate, Richard Pate.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	4	112	9 22
Pleasant Hill....	Edgecombe.....	W H Fly, J D Fly, H L Brake.....	2	1	.....	.....	...	2	84	3 00
Peach Tree ...	Nash	Represented by Letter	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.	21	1 50
Red Banks.....	Pitt.....	G W Stokes, Guilford Page, Jas Williams.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	62	3 00
Sandy Bottom,	Lenoir.....	Represented by Letter.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	1 00
Sandy Grove..	Beaufort.....	J Ferrell, R E Adams, G M Hardy.....	1	3	.....	.....	1	.....	48	2 00
Sappony	Nash	Represented by Letter.....	1	....	.....	....	.....	1	29	2 00
Town Creek....	Edgecombe.....	J L Proctor, H H Drake, J E Cobb*.....	1	....	.....	1	.....	3	62	2 00
Tyson's	Pitt.....	Represented by Letter.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	1 50
Up. Town Cr'k.	Wilson.....	W B Williams, J J Moore,* E Williams..	3	2	....	4	.....	5	118	3 00

Those absent marked *

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Autry's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and De-
mber.

Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May, August and No-
mber.

Beaver Dam—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, Decem-
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Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September and Decem-
r.

Blount's Creek—Fourth Sunday in March, June Sep, and Dec.

Cedar Island—Third Sunday in February May, August, Novem-
r.

Cross Roads—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and De-
mber.

Galloway's—First Sunday in March, June, September and De-
mber.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in January, April, July and
tober.

Hancock's—Third Sunday in February, May, August and Novem-
r.

Haskin's Chapel—First Sunday in March, June, September and
ecember.

Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and Decem-
r.

Newborn's—Second Sunday in March, June, September and De-
mber.

Mill Branch—First Sunday in February, May, August and No-
mber.

Mt. Lebanon—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and No-
mber.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, Sep. and Dec.

Peach Tree—Second Sunday in February, May, August and No-
mber.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and No-
mber.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in February, May, August and No-
mber.

Sandy Bottom—Second Sunday in February, May, August and
ovember.

Sandy Grove—First Sunday in February, May, August and No-
mber.

Sapony—Third Sunday in February, May, August and Nov
ber.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May August and
vember.

Tyson's—Third Sunday in February, May, August and Nov
ber.

Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, Septem
and December.

Damascus—Second Sunday in March, June, September and
cember.

MINUTES

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Seventy-Fifth Annual Session

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CONTENTNEA

Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

AUTREY'S CREEK MEETING HOUSE,

Edgecombe County, N. C.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October, 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1905.

WILSON, N. C.
P. D. GOLD PUBLISHING CO.,
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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1905.

1st. The services were opened by Elder W. B. Williams with praise and prayer; then Elder T. B. Lancaster preached from John 3:14.

2nd. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder G. W. Stewart.

3rd. Eder W. B. Williams was chosen Moderator and Brother L. J. H. Mewborn Clerk who called to his assistance Brother B. D. Rowe.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders J. E. Adams and J. S. Ward were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Adams opened and preached from Acts 13-38, followed by Elder Ward from Songs 6-9.

6th. Brethren T. B. Lancaster and I. P. Dowty were appointed a Committee on Finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches, and messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9th. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations were called for.

Abbott Creek—No communication.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elder Gold, Farmer and others.

Country Line—Elders J. A. Burch, J. S. Ward, J. W. Gilliam and L. H. Hardy.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Eno—No com.

Kehukee—Elders G. D. Roberson, Trevathan, and others.

Little River—Minutes J. E. Adams.

Mayo—No com.

Mill Branch—No com.

New River—No com.

Seven Mile—Minutes, Elder Josiah Eldridge.

Staunton River—No com.

Virginia Corresp'g meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Isaac Jones, M. N. White.

10th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Pleasant Hill meeting house in Edgecombe county, N. C., and the services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1906 at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder A. M. Crisp preach the introductory sermon and Elder C. C. Bland his alternate.

11th Elders G. D. Roberson, G. W. Stewart L. H. Hardy and Isaac Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations also to send minutes as heretofore.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams, Brother G. W. Hale, J. R. Lindsay, J. L. Mewborn.

Country Line—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Eno—Minutes, Elder J. W. Gardner, T. B. Lancaster.

Kehukee—Minutes, Brother J. J. Eason, Elder J. S. Corbitt.

Little River—Minutes, Elders W. B. Williams. J. W. Gardner, A. M. Crisp, T. B. Lancaster and Brother H. H. Drake.

Mill Branch—Minutes, Elder C. C. Bland, Brother B. Smith.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Miles—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams, Brother J. F. Brown.

Staunton River—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn. C. C. Bland.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elder J. W. Gardner, Brethren J. J. Eason, B. D. Rowe, I. P. Dowty.

13th. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1905.

Services were opened by Elder G. D. Roberson from Eph. 4-15 followed by Elder Stewart, Romans 8: 28-31.

After an intermission , the services were resumed by Eph. 4-15 followed by Elder Stewart, Romans 8: 28-31. from Mat. 6:35. A large crowd and mostly attentive, except a young crowd who wanted to advertise themselves to their shame and to the disturbance of the service. We humbly pray the Lord may show them where they stand and give them space of repentance if it is his will.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1905.

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

2nd. Elders Eldridge, Gold and Burch occupied the stand today. Elder Eldridge opened and preached from Mat. 11, followed by Elder P. D. Gold from Ez. 1:25-26. Eder J. A. Burch closed Heb. 12:1-2.

3rd. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

In the hands of the treasurer		00.00
Received from the churches this year		$77.93
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	$77.93	$77.93

Report received and committee discharged.

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9th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10th. On motion, the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion the thanks of the Association are here tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

12th. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed ter to de dismissed from the Contentnea Association, the same is granted.

13th. Onmoton adjourned to time and place appointed with praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk, Snow Hill, N. C.

B. D. ROWE, Clerk, Aurora, N. C.

The following ministers agreed to visit the church at Beaver Dam:

In November 1905, J. W. Gardner.
In December 1905 ,A. M. Crisp.
In March 1906, G. M. Corbitt.
In April 1906, T. B. Lancaster.
In May 1906, D. A. Mewborn.
In July 1906, G. W. Stokes.
In September 1906, G. M. Corbitt.

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A. M. Crisp, Crisp N. C.
W. H. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
J. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
D. A. Mewborn, R. F. D. No. 1, Farmville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
W. B. Williams Elm City, N. C.
*G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
Those marked thus * licentiates.

NAMES OF PASTRS, CLERKS AND CHURCHES.

Autrey's Creek—Amos M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Bown clerk.
Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; A. R. Sutton, Clerk.
Beaver Dam—Pastor, A. F. Lee, Clerk.
Bethel—Pastor John P. Tingle, clerk.
Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards, clerk.
Cedar Island—E. E. Lunday, pastor; T. E. Harris, clerk.
Cross Roads—
Galloway's—J. S. Corbett, pastor, G. M. Corbett, clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lunday, pastor; Jos Potter, Jr., clerk.
Hancock's—C. C. Bland, pastor; Benj. Smith, clerk.
Haskin's Chapel—B. F. Scott, clerk.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, pastor.
Mewborn's—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; L. J. H. Mewborn clerk

Mill Branch—W. H. Fly, pastor; G. W. Hale, clerk.
Mount Lebanon—G. Bryant, pastor; W. D. Whitford, clerk
Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; W. H. Smith clerk.
Peach Tree—M. H. Williford, pastor; W. G. Walker clerk
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Jackson, pastor; G. W. Thomas, clerk.
Red Banks—H. B. Tucker, pastor; David Stocks, clerk.
Sandy Bottom—J. W. Gardner pastor; J. A. Croom, clerk.
Sandy Grove—B. D. Roe, clerk.
Sappony—M. B. Williford, pastor; J. R. Lindsay, clerk.
Town Creek—J. E. Cobb, clerk.
Tyson's—A. M. Crisp, pastor; A. P. Turnage, clerk.
Upper Town Creek—W. H. Fly, pastor; Jeremiah Whitehead, clerk.
Damascus—
Sheffield—E. E. Lundy, pastor; Josiah Tingle, clerk.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Autrey's Creek, rst Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bear Creek, first Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Beaver Dam, fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bethel, second Sundoy in March, June, September and December.

Blount's Creek, every Fifth Sunday.

Cedar Island, third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Cross Roads, fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Galloway's first Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island, fourth Sunday in February, May August and November.

Hancock's, third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Haskin's Chapel, first Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Meadow, fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mewborn's, second Sunday in March, June, September, and December.

Mill Branch, first Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Mount Lebanon, fourt Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Nahunta, third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Peach Tree, second Sunday in February, May, ugust and November.

Pleasant Hill, fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

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Red Banks, second Sunday in February, May August and November.

Sandy Bottom, second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sandy Grove, first Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sappony, third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Town Creek, second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Tyson's third Sunday in March, June, September, and December.

Upper Town Creek third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Damascus, first Sunday in January, April July and October.

Sheffield, first Sunday in February, May, August and November.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any

except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his lips, failing or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise to speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject unless he breaks the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association shall require.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before the matter is put to a vote but shall not vote unles sthe Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the fellowing plan or form of government.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the diffeernt churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters

from their respective churches, certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats, provided they do not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored,dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.

Art 4. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union upon their petition by letters and messengers and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken itno consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association ,and the best way or method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands oftheir messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by this Association

shall be deposited i nthe hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall he regularly filed hy him in a hook kept for the use of this Association. He shall endeavor to have said hook present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made any time by a majority of th union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: First to provide for the general union of all the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to repesent themselves at any time in the Association: fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund, for any purpose strictly connected with the Association, sixth to appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which shall not violate the rules of this association, or deviate from the other principles of religion; eigath, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association; ninth, to adjourn at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges ,or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any in the bounds ofthe Association, establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of the Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them! nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	County.	Name of Messengers.	BAPTIZED.	RECEIVED BY LETTER.	DIS. BY LETTER.	EXCLUDED.	RESTORED.	DECEASED.	TOTAL NO. IN FELLOWSHIP.	CONTRIBUTION.
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	D. W. Bell, J. P. Joues, M. Wooten	2	1		1		1	56	$3.00
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, J. W. Sutton, J. H. Dawson				1			22	8.70
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	By Letter			1				9	1.00
Bethel	Pamlico	By Letter						1	23	1.50
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G. W. Hill						2	24	1.00
Cedar Island	Carteret	W. W. Styron,* W. H. Lupton, Stephen Emery						1	52	3.00
Cross Roads	Pitt	*								
Damascus	Pitt	By Letter							6	1.29
Galloway's	Pitt	J. S Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt, J. B. Williams							13	1.00
Goose Creek Island	Beaufort	By Letter				6		3	73	2.00
Hancock's	Pitt	B Smith, Noah Cox	1						14	2.40
Haskin Chapel	Lenoir	By Letter						1	4	1.00
Meadow	Greene	J. J. Eason, Wm. S. Land, W. L. Horton*			1			1	28	9.10
Mewborn's	Greene	J. L. Mewborn, J. J. Kerney, L. J. H. Mewborn	5						32	7.85
Mill Branch	Nash	G. W. Hales, J. R. Luper, J. W. Joyner		2		3			34	.55
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A. P. Whitf rd, B. Atkinson						1	33	1.50
Nahunta	Wayne	J. W. Gardner, T. B. Lancaster, Richard Pate*	14					2	119	10.00
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, H. G. Worth,* J. W. Proctor			2	6		4	81	3.08
Peach Tree	Nash	W. G. Walker, W. C. M. Sikes	1						18	1.50
Red Banks	Pitt	G. W. Stokes, Joseph Hardie, John Dunn	2			4			54	3.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	J. A. Croom, E. L. Rouse	2						9	1.00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	I. T. Dowty, G. W. Hardy,* B. D. Rowe				1		1	44	4.50
Sappony	Nash	E. B. Barnes, J. R. Lindsay						3	28	1.50
Sheffield	Craven	J. Tingle,* W. K. Rowe							6	1.00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, W. H. Walston, H. H. Drake		1			1		65	2.00
Tyson's	Pitt	Alford Moore, A. P. Turnage,* H. S. Tyson		1				1	22	2.00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. B. Williams, John Williams, J. B. Williams	2	1		3	1	3	125	3.00

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Proceedings

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1906.

First. The services were opened by Elder W. B. Williams with praise and prayer, then Elder A. M. Crisp preached from Acts 4:12.

2. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. M. Monsees.

3. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen Moderator and Brother L. J. H. Mewborn Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother L. H. Hardy.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders J. A. Monsees, L. P. Adams and J. A. Shaw were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Monsees opened and preached from Gal. 11:12, followed by Elder Adams from Job. 26:14. Elder Shaw closed from John 3:16.

6. Brethren I. P. Douty and T. B. Lancaster were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations were called for.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Elder J. A. Monsees.

Baltimore—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold and William Woodard, Brother Thos. Clark and others.

Country Line—Minutes, Elders W. M. Monsees and L. H. Hardy.

Delaware—Minutes, Elder W. W. Meredith.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—No communication.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elders G. D. Roberson, J. A. Shaw, W. B. Strickland, W. B. Williford ——— Leggett and others.

Little River—Elder J. E. Adams, Moses Adams and other brethren.

Mayo—

Mill Branch—Minutes.

New River—

Seven Miles—Elder L. P. Adams and Brother J. R. Webb.

Staunton River—

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elders Isaac Jones and E. E. Lunday.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held at Upper Town Creek meeting House in Wilson county, N. C., and the services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1907, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder J. W. Gardner preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B. Lancaster his alternate.

11. Elders Roberson, Gold, Meredith and Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also to send minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn and Brother R. E. Adams.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elder J. W. Gardner, Brethren E. B. Barnes and L. J. H. Mewborn.

Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn and T. B. Lancaster.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elders G. M. Corbitt, J. P. Dunn, Josiah Tingle and others.

Little River—Minutes, Elders J. W. Gardner, W. B. Williams and T. B. Lancaster.

Mill Branch—Minutes, Elder C. C. Bland.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes, Elders W. B. Williams, J. W. Gardner, C. C. Bland and D. A. Mewborn.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elder G. M. Corbitt.

Mayo—Minutes.

13.—On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1906.

Services were opened by Elder G. D. Roberson from Eph. 4:16, followed by Elder Gold from Prov. 11:24; afternoon Elder Meredith continued from 2nd Cor. 4:67. Elder Jones closed the service from the subject of the Kingdom.

A large crowd was in attendance to hear the good tidings proclaimed. May the words spoken go down deep into some poor sinner's soul and bring forth fruit to the honor and praise of our great Redeemer.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1906.

First. The Association assembled and conference was opened by Elder E. E. Lundy with praise and prayer.

2. Elders J. E. Adams, W. M. Monsees and J. T. Rowe occupied the stand today. Elder Adams opened and preached from Eph. 1:4, followed by Elder Monsees from Roms. 9:13. Elder Rowe closed from Rev. 12:1.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

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10th. On motion, the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association .

11th. On motion the thanks of the Association are here tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

12th. On motion, it was resolved by the Association that the Articles of Faith be amended by adding to Article 16, after the words "Masonic Lodges," "Or the Lodges any and all secret societies."

13th. On motion it was agreed that the preamble and resolutions read by brother Elder L. H. Hardy be printed and appended to the minutes.

14th. It was resolved by the Association that the obituary of Elder W. H. Fly be appended to the minutes.

15th. On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk.

L. H. HARDY, Assistant Clerk.

The following ministers agreed to visit the church at Beaver Dam fourth Sundays and Saturday before: Elder G. M.Corbitt, November, 1906; J. W. Gardner, January, 1907; T. B. Lancaster, February, 1907; G. M. Corbitt, March, 1907; T. B. Lancaster, April, 1907; D. A. Mewborn, May, 1907; G. M. Corbitt, June, 1907; Thos Clark, July, 1907; J. W. Gardner, August, 1907; G. M. Corbitt, September, 1907.

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J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
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OBITUARY NOTICE OF ELDER WM. H. FLY.

Whereas, Our dearly beloved brother, William Henry Fly, has been called away from the people of God on earth, whom he in faithfulness tried to serve, and fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of January 15, 1906.

Therefore, we desire to record on our minutes this feble expression of the high and affectionate regard in which he has long been held by us as a church, and of our deep sorrow in our loss.

In the public ministry of our dear brother, his highest aim was to exalt Christ as the one and only name whereby we must be saved. He had become greatly endeared to us as a brother and as a minister of Jesus Christ. He never yielded to the errors of the day; yet while firm he was not unkind. He had that charity which rejoices in the truth; and is kind to the unthankful and disobedient.

We would humbly here, record these things, because by them the grace of God was magnified in him. May we all be found followers of him as he followed Christ.

We extend to the church over which he served and his pastoral labors extended and his bereaved family our most sincere and affectionate sympathy for their great loss.

May God bless them, and us all and bring us to the deserve home of the redeemed at last, is our prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, There is a manifested tendency in our Governor and others in high places to force religious matters in our public schools by forcing our teachers to hold religious services in opening their schools, thereby driving from the school room many of our best and most consciencious teachers, and forcing others who have no change of heart into the different denominations in order to get positions; therefore,

Resolved, by the Contentnea Association of Primitive Baptists That we do enter our solemn protest against such proceedings as being spiritual wickedness in high places.

Resolved, further, That we regard this religious move in our officers as being a strike at our civil government and free religious liberty which has been guaranteed to us by the blood-stained footsteps of our Revolutitonary fathers, and we do heartily condemn it as an infringement on our Constitutions, and a long step towards the uniting of church and State, and the bringing in of that beastly power under which fifty millions of people were put to death by the hands of Roman Catholics in the name of the Christian religion.

Resolved, That we do hereby warn our people and all lovers of religions and civil liberty against this usurpation of power and declare that we believe it to be the lion voice of the second beast which John saw and recorded in Revelation 13:11.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2.—The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

Art. 5.—He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9.—No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject unless he break the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 11.—The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12.—The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before the matter is put to a vote, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13.—Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the Constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen

by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represen them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their representative churches, certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

Art. 2.—In the letters from the different churches shall be ex pressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter Mewborn's—Second Sunday in March, June, September and De restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Associa

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ec clesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union upon their petition by letters and messages and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted, and manifasted by the Moderator giving the right-hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we shauld have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they

hall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to his Association, and the money thus received by this Association hall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and ay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12 The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall be egularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of this Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Asso-iation.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and cor-ected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be nade any time my a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: First, to provide for the general union of all the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third ,to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund, for any purpose strictly connected with the Association; sixth, to appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthordox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association; ninth, to adjourn at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of viting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion, conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any in the bounds of the Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our church.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptided.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	In Fellowship.	Contributions.
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	A. M. Crisp, W. R. Abrams and J. F. Brown	1		2		1	2	54	$ 3.00
Bear Creek	Lenior	A. R. Sutton, R. W. Sutton and J. H. Dawson*							22	8.75
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	By Letter							9	1.00
Bethel	Pamlico	Begged to be excused for trouble in the church								
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	On motion, the letter was not read								
Cedar Island	Carterett	W. H. Lupton, Stephen Emry* and E. E. Lundy	2	1				2	57	4.00
Cross Roads	Pitt	Not represeuted								
Damascus	Pitt	By Letter							6	1.50
Galloway's	Pitt	J. B. Williams, J. S. Corbitt* and G. M. Corbitt						2	11	1.00
Goose Creek Island	Beaufort	E. E. Luudy, Wright Goodwin		1		3			71	2.00
Hancock's	Pitt	Benj. Smith and C. C. Bland*	2						16	3.35
Haskin's Chapel	Lenoir	Not Represented								
Meadow	Greene	D. A. Mewborn, W. J. Craft and J. J. Eason							28	6.10
Mewborn's	Greene	J. L. Mewborn, W. H. Wells* and L. J. H. Mewborn			3				29	6.30
Mill Branch	Nash	G. W. Hales, J. R. Luper and J. W. Joyner	4			3		1	34	1.50
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A. J. Whitford and B. C. Whitford	2					2	34	1.50
Nahunta	Wayne	T. B. Lancaster, J. W. Gardner and W. H. Smith	17			3		1	132	11.50
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake and G. W. Thomas				3		2	76	3.00
Red Banks	Pitt	David Stocks, J. Williams and J. T. Dunn				1		1	52	4.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse	1						10	1.00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B. D. Rowe, I. P. Douty and R. E. Adams				1		1	44	4.50
Sappony	Nash	W. A. Joyner and E. B. Barnes	1			2			27	2.00
Sheffield	Craven	Josiah Tingle, W. K. Rowe and E. E. Lundy							6	1.00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, W. F. Walston and H. H. Drake	1			2		8	56	2.00
Tyson's	Pitt	A. P. Turnage and Clayton Joyner		2					24	3.00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. B. Williams, J. J. Moore and J. W. Joyner	1			2		2	121	3.00

*Absent.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday Morning, October 12, 1907

1st. The services were opened by Elder John W. Gardner with praise and prayer and then preached from St. John 6:45.

2nd. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opend with praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

3rd. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen Moderator and Brother L. J. H. Mewborn Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother B. D. Rowe.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

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5th. Elder L. P. Adams and P. A. Williard were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Adams opened and preached from 1 Cor. 2:1-5, followed by Elder P. W. Williard from Luke 4:20-21.

6th. Brethren I. P. Douty and H. L. Brake were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches, and the messengers named names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9th. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for.

(A). Abbott's Creek. Elder P. W. Williard.

(B). Baltimore—Minutes.

(C). Black Creek—Minutes, Elders Gold, Woodward, Farmer and others.

(D). Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

(E). Lower Country Line—Minutes.

(F) Deleware—Minutes.

(G). Deleware River Minutes.

(H). Kehukee—Minutes, Elders G. D. Roberson, J.

A. Shaw, B. H. Harrison and Brother I. W. Bass.

(I). Little River—Minutes, Elder J. E. Adams.

(J). Bill Branch—Minutes, B. N. Fowler.

(K). Mayo—

(L). New River.—

(M). Seven Mile—Elder L. P. Adams, Brother J. R. Webb and others.

(N). Staunton River—Minutes.

(O). Virgina Cor.

(P). Warwick—Minutes.

(Q). White Oak—Elders I. Jones and E. E. Lundy.

(R). Fishers River—Minutes.

10th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Bear Creek meeting house in Lenoir county, N. C., and that the services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1908 at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder C. C. Bland preach the introductory sermon and Elder A. M. Crisp his alternate.

11 Elders Hardy, Roberson. Gold, Lundy and Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister association also to send Minutes as heretofore.

(A). Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

(B). Baltimore—Minutes.

(C) Black Creek—Minutes, E. A. Stanfield, J. L. Brake, Clayton Joyner.

(D.) Upper Country Line—Minutes, E. A. Stanfield, D. A. Mewborn.

(E). Lower Country Line—Minutes, D. A. Mewborn.

(F). Deleware—Minutes.

Deleware River Minutes.

(G) Kehukee—Minutes, J. L. Brake, E. B. Barnes, H. L. Brake, G. W. Stokes.

(H). Little River—Minutes, J. W. Gardner, W. B. Williams.

(I). Mill Branch—Minutes.

(J) . Mayo—Minutes.

(K). New River—Minutes.

(L). Seven Miles—Minutes, W. B. Williams.

(M). Staunton River—Mintes, D. A. Mewborn.

(N). Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
(O). Warwick—Minutes.
(P). White Oak—Minutes. H. L. Brake, B. F. Scott, D. A. Mewborn.
(Q) Fisher's River Minutes.
13th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1907.

Services were opened by Elder L. H. Hardy who preached from Eph. 2:20 to 22 inclusive, followed by Elder G. D. Robertson.

After a recess of one hour the services were resumed by Elder P. D. Gold from Cor. 3:1-4, followed by Elder E. E. Lundy from 2nd Kings 5:1-15,, Elder I. Jones closed from John 3:3.

The weather was fine with a large crowd and paid strict attention to the word spoken and we pray that it may go down into some poor soul's heart and bring forth fruit to the honor and to the praise of our great Redeemer.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1907.

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. W. Williard.

2nd. Elders J. E. Adams and J. A. Shaw were appointed to preach today. Elder Adams preached from Acts 8:35, followed by Elder B. H. Harrison from John 6:37 Elder Shaw closed with a few remarks.

3rd. Committee on Finance made the following report:

In the hands of the Treasurer	$00.00
Received from churches this year	73.41
Paid for printing Minutes and postage	20.00
Clerks Compensation	10.00
Gave to the visiting ministers	43.41
	$73.41

Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5th. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

6th. Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the Minutes.

7th. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

8th. Resolved, That our Clerk have 1300 of these minutes printed and distributed to the churchs and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

9th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10th. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicnity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

12th. On motion it is resolved by the Association that Elder W. W. Brinson's name be erased from our Minutes as he has been excluded by the church at Bethel.

13th. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Farmer.

W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk.
Post Office Snow Hill, N. C.
B. D. ROWE, Assistane Clerk .

The following brethren agreed to visit the church at Beaver Dam this year.

November, G. M. Corbett. January, J. W. Gardner. Marc, G. W. Corbett. June, G. M. Corbett August , J. W. Gardner.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND POSTOFFICES.

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..... RULES OF DECORUM. .....

Article 1. This Association shall he opened and closed hy prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and the Clerk shall he chosen hy the sufferage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not he interrupted in his

speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association with out liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

At. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appelation than that of a brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until be gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.,

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break the any of the Rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think propjer.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLES OF FATIH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Aticle 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen r the different churches in our Union, duly sent to represent them this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best ıalified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their espective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be ıtitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid own in this Constitution,

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be ex-ressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptised; received y letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead nce our last Association.

3 The members thus chosen and convened shall have no ower to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have ny ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe n any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened sha'l be governed and uled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who hall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this Union who shall etition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found rthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, nd manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right ıand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to represent-ıtion in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every quary presented by any member of the Associa-ıtion shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if here be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the nember who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting hat purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of ev-ery church in this Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as

they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers
this Association and the money thus contributed by the church
and received by this Association, shall be deposited in the hand
of a treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall be accoun
able to the Association for all monies by him received and pa
out according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, sha
be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Asso
ation. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each A
sociation.

Art. 13. The Minutes of this Association shall be read an
corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk b
fore the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may b
made at any time by a majority of the Union when they ma
deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power. 1, to provide fo
the general rule of churches. 2, to preserve inviolably a chai
of communion among the churches, 3, to give the churches a
necessary advice in matters of difficulty, 4, to inquire into th
cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any tim
in this Association, 5, to appropriate the monies by the churche
contributed for an association fund to any purpose strictly co
nected with this Association, 6, to appoint any member or men
bers by and with his or their consent to contract any busines
which they may see necessary, 7, the Association shall have pow
er to withdraw from any church in the Union which violate
the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox princ
ples of religion. 8, To admit any of the distant brethren n the mini
try who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it sha
judge necessary. 9, The Association shall have power to adjour
itself to any future time or place it may think most convenie
to the churches in this union.

Art 16. We will not bold in our churches any person who is in th
practise of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and a
secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their custo
or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who ma
reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We wi
not contenance any preacher who shall travel within the bound

our ssociation establishing socicties for the collection of money, who may himself be be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor ivocates of Theological schools, nor any person who does fellowhip them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Number in Fellowship	Contributions
Autrey Creek	Edgecombe	W. R. Abrams B. W. Bill J. T. Jones*	3	1	....	....	....	2	56	3.00
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton J. H. Dawson A. R. Sutton	....	....	....	....	....	1	21	8.65
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	By Letter	....	....	....	.....	....	....	9	1.00
Bethel	Pamlico	J. P. Tingle E. E. Lundy H. A. Gaskins*	....	.....	....	3	....	1	16	2.10
Blounts Creek	Beaufort	Not represented	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	.....
Cedar Island	Carteret	W. W. Styron Stephen Emery E. E. Lundy	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	3.00
Cross Roads	Pitt	Not Represented	....	....	....	.	....	.	...	.....
Damascus	Pitt	By Letter	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	2.25
Galloways	Pitt	J. S. Corbett G. M. Corbett J. B. Williams	1	....	.	....	....	1	11	1.00
Goose Creek Isl	Beaufort	E. E. Lundy Wright Goodwin J. M. Carawin	1	....	2	2	1	1	68	2.00
Hancocks	Pitt	C. C. Bland* N. T. Cox Josephus Cox	....	....	....	1	....	....	14	2.75
Haskin Chapel	Lenoir	B. F. Scott	....	....	....	....	.....	1	3	1.00
Meadow	Greene	E. A. Stanfield W S Land D. A. Mewborn	..	....	1	. ....	....	1	28	5.65
Mewborns	Greene	J. L. Mewborn J. J. Kerneay L. J H.Mewborn	....	..	....	1	....	1	27	6.25
Mill Branch	Nash	J. W. Pridgen T. J. Pridgen J. R. Looper	....	....	..	....	....	1	38	1.50
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A. P. Whitford B. C. Whitford	....	....	....	4	....	2	28	1.50
Nahunta	Wayne	W. A. Taylor James Roberts* J. W. Gardner	3	.....	....	1	....	2	132	10.51
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake J. L. Brake A. R. Jackson	3	....	....	1	1	2	76	3.00
Red Banks	Pitt	David Stocks Jame: Hardy G. W. Stokes	2	....	...	2	....	5	47	3.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	J. A. Croom* E. L. Rouse	1	....	..	....	....	.....	11	2.25
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	I. P. Dowty B. D. Rowe W. H. Edwards*	....	....	1	....	....	1	40	3.50
Sappony	Nash	J. R. Lindsey W. A. Joyner E. B. Barnes	...	.....	.....	1	2	2	26	1.50
Shilfield	Craven	Josiah Tingle E. E. Lundy E. K. Rowe	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	1.00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	W. F. Walston J. L. Proctor H. H. Drake	1	....	....	1	....	2	54	2.00
Tysons	Pitt	Clayton Joyner H. T. Tyson	....	....	....	.....	....	..	23	2.00
Upper Town Cr'k	Wilson	W. B. Williams D. L. Batts J. J. Moore	1	....	1	1	..	4	117	3.00

Absentees Marked Thus *

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association

HELD AT

Bear Creek Meeting House

Lenoir County, N. C.

October 10th, 11th and 12th, 1908

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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1908.

1. The services were opened by Elder C. C. Bland, with praise and prayer, who then continued the service from Hebrews 1:1.

2. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

3. Elder W. B. Williams, was chosen moderator, and Brother L. J. H. Mewborn, clerk, who called to his assistance Brother G. M. Hardy.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders F. Farmer, W. Monsees, A. J. Moore and W. Woodard were appointed to preach this evening and at night.

6. Brethren H. L. Brake and B. D. Rowe, were appointed a committe on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received, and read from the churches, and the messengers names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join the association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations.

(a.) Abbotts Creek—Minutes, Elder W. Monsees.

(b.) Baltimore—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

(c.) Black Creek—Minutes, J. T. Lamm, messenger, Elders Woodard, Farmer, Hooks, Gold and other visitors.

(d.) Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

(e.) Lower Country Line—Minutes, Brethren A. P. Satterfield and J. T. Taylor.

(f.) Delaware—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

(g.) Delaware River—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

(h.) Kehukee—Minutes, Elder G. D. Roberson and Brother I. P. Bass.

(i.) Little River—Minutes, J. W. Woodall and J. A. Barbour.

(j.) Mill Branch—Minutes.

(k.) Mayo—

(l.) New River—Minutes.

(m.) Seven Mile—Minutes, J. R. Westbrook and J. F. House Jr.

(n.) Staunton River—Minutes.

(o.) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

(p.) Warwick—Minutes.

(q.) White Oak—Minutes, Elders E. E. Lundy and Jones.

(r.) Fisher's River—Minutes.

10. Appointed our next association to be held at Nahunta meeting house in Wayne county, N. C., and that the services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1909, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder D. A. Mewborn preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. B. Williams his alternate.

11. Elders Norton, Oliphant, Hardy, Rowe, Shaw and Roberson were appointed to preach on Sunday and at night.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations also to send minutes as heretofore:

(a.) Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

(b.) Baltimore—Minutes, Elders E. E. Lundy and W. B. Williams.

(c.) Black Creek—Minutes, J. R. Lindsay, J. J. Eason and H. Pate.

(d.) Upper Country Line—Minutes, J. L. Mewborn.

(e.) Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elder J. W. Gardner.

(f.) Delaware—Minutes, Elder E. E. Lundy.

(g.) Delaware River—Minutes, E. E. Lundy.

(h.) Kehukee—Minutes, H. L. Brake, Clayton Joyner and J. L. Brake.

(i.) Little River—Minutes, Elders J. W. Gardner, W. B. Williams and Brother J. B. Roberts.

(j.) Mill Branch—Minutes, Elder J. W. Gardner.

(k.) Mayo—Minutes.

(l.) New River—Minutes.

(m.) Seven Mile—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.
(n.) Staunton River—Minutes.
(o.) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes, Elder . H. Hardy.
(p.) Warwick—Minutes, Elder E. E. Lundy.
(q.) White Oak—Minutes, Elder C. C. Bland.
(r.) Fisher's River—Minutes.

13. On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 9 'clock.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 11, 1908.

Services were opened by Elder J. T. Rowe, and the ollowing brethren preached: A. J. Norton, J. H. Oliphant, . H. Hardy, J. T. Rowe, J. A. Shaw, and G. D. Roberon, the preaching was with love and power, giving God ll the honor and man the sinner receiving the mercies and lessing. We had many good servants to come to be with s and to tell of the good news, and of a rich Savior we ave, who gave us his richness and took our poverty upon imself and died that we might live. The large crowd of eople seemed anxious to hear the good news, and thereore was quiet and orderly. May God be praised.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1908.

1. The association assembled and conference was opened ith praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

2. Elders Gold and Jones were appointed to preach oday.

3. Committe on finance made the following report:

n the Hand of the Treasurer	$ 00.00
Received From the Churches this Year	71.80
Paid for Printing Minutes and Postage	20.00
Clerks Compensation	10.00
Gave to Visiting Ministers	41.80
	$ 71.80

Report received and committee discharged.

4. The names of messengers were called and those bsent without leave marked in the proper table.

5. On motion agreed that we publish the names of

preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

6. Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

7. Resolved, that the association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

8. Resolved, that our clerk have 1,300 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

9. On motion it was resolved by the association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said association grounds during its session.

10. On motion the clerk was appointed treasurer of the association.

11. On motion the thanks of the association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the association.

12. Brother L. J. H. Mewborn tendered his resignation as clerk, the same was accepted.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder E. E. Lundy.

ELDER W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.
L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk,
G. M. HARDY, Assistant Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND POSTOFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbitt, Tarboro, N. C., R. F. D., No. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1.
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
W. B. Williams, Elm City, N. C.

NAMES OF PASTORS AND THEIR CHURCHES.

Autry's Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, clerk.
Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; A. R. Sutton, clerk.
Bethel—E. E. Lundy, pastor; J. P. Tingle, clerk.
Beaver Dam—No pastor; no clerk.
Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards, clerk.
Cedar Island—E. E. Lundy, pastor; Thomas L. Goodwin, clerk.
Cross Roads—
Galloway's—J. S. Corbitt, pastor; G. M. Corbitt, clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, pastor; Jas. Potter, Jr. clerk.
Hancock's—C. C. Bland, pastor; Benjamin Smith, clerk.
Haskin's Chapel—B. Eubanks, pastor; B. F. Scott, clerk.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, pastor; no clerk.
Mewborn's—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; L. J. H. Mewborn, clerk.
Mill Branch—M. B. Williford, pastor; J. W. Joyner, clerk.
Mount Lebanon—G. Bryant, pastor, B. C. Whitford, clerk.
Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; W. H. Smith, clerk.
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Jackson, pastor; H. L. Brake, clerk.
Red Banks—H. B. Tucker, pastor; David Stocks, clerk.
Sandy Bottom—J. W. Gardner, pastor; J. A. Croom, clerk.
Sandy Grove—Elder L. H. Hardy, pastor; B. D. Rowe, clerk.
Sappony—M. B. Williford, pastor; J. R. Lindsay, clerk.
Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; H. L. Drake, clerk.
Tyson's—No pastor; A. P. Turnage, clerk.
Upper Town Creek—G. W. Boswell, pastor; Jere Whitehead, clerk
Damascus—No pastor; Mrs. Dora Horton, clerk.
Sheffield—E. E. Lundy, pastor; Josiah Tingle, clerk.

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Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards, Blount's Creek, N. C., 35 copies.
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The followin brethren agreed to preach for the church at Beaver Dam:

November, Thomas Clark; December, J. S. Corbitt; February, J. W. Gardner; March, T. B. Lancaster; April, J. S. Corbitt; Many, G. M. Corbitt; June, J. S. Corbitt; July, T. B. Lancaster; August, W. Gardner; March, T. B. Lancaster; April, J. S. Corbitt; May,

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Bethel	Pamlico	R. A. Gaskin, J. P. Tingle, E. E. Lundy	1	1	....	....	....	....	18	2.00
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Cedar Island...	Carteret	W. H. Lupton, Joseph Roberson, M. R. Goodwin	2	....	....	2	....	5	44	2.00
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Damascus....	Pitt	G. D. Roberson, E. A. Staufield*	....	1	....	....	....	....	7	1.50
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Goose Creek Isl..	Pamlico	H. S. Watson, W. T. Dillon, E. E. Lundy	....	....	....	1	....	4	63	2.00
Hancock's	Pitt	Elias McLawhorn,* Josephus Cox,* Noah T. Cox	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.85
Haskin Chapel...	Jones	B. F. Scott	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	1.00
Meadow	Greene	W. S. Laud, J. J. Rason, D. A. Mewborn*	....	....	1	....	1	..	28	4.75
Mewborn's	Greene	J. L. Mewborn, Stephen Kerneay, L. J. H. Mewborn	....	....	....	1	..	...	26	7.00
Mill Branch	Nash	T. J. Robbins, J. W. Pridgen,* J. R. Luper	3	....	....	3	1	....	36	1.50
Mt. Lebanon.....	Craven	A. P. Whitford	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	1.00
Nahunta	Wayne	T. B. Lancaster, J. W. Gardner, J. B. Roberts	15	....	....	2	....	3	142	11.60
Pleasant Hill.....	Edgecombe	G. W. Thomas, J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake	2	....	....	1	....	2	75	3.00
Red Banks.....	Pitt	J. T Dunn, J. W. Hardie, James Williams	....	....	....	1	1	2	45	3.00
Sandy Bottom...	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse, J. A. Croom, J. B Temple*	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	2.50
Sandy Grove....	Beaufort	G. M. Hardy, E. C. Ross, B. D. Rowe	1	1	3	1	....	2	36	4.00
Sappony	Nash	J. R. Lindsey, N. F. Joyner, W. A. Joyner.	2	....	....	....	..	1	27	1.50
Sheffield..	Craven	Josiah, Tingle, W. K. Rowe,* E. E Lundy	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	1.00
Town Creek.....	Edgecombe	H. H. Drake, J. L. Proctor, J. E. Cobb	2	....	....	....	....	2	54	2.00
Tyson's	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, Alford Moore	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	2.00
Upper Town Cr'k	Wilson	W. B. Williams, J. W. J. Joyner	1	....	....	.....	....	....	115	3.00
		Absentees marked thus*	32	3	4	12	3	26	884	71.80

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PROCEEDINGS

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1. The services were opened by Elder D. A. Mewborn with praise and prayer, who then continued the service from Phil. 3:14.

2. After an intermission the Messengers assembled and the Association opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen Moderator and Brother B. D. Rowe, Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder John P. Tingl-.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders Thos. Clarke and J. E. Adams were appointed to preach at the stand this evening.

6. Brethren H. L. Brake and J. E. Cobb were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers names enrolled in the table of churches. The Mill Branch Church asked for a letter of dismissal to join the Black Creek Association which was granted.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations:

Abbotts Creek.

Baltimore, Minutes,

Black Creek, Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold, J F. Farmer, J. F. Hooks.

Upper Country Line, J. W. Gilliam, Minutes.

Lower Country Line, Minutes, Dr. C. B. Hall.

Delaware, Minutes.

Delaware River, Minutes.

Kehukee, I. W. Bass, G. D. Roberson.

Little River, F. C. Hamilton, D. L. Godwin, Elder J. E. Adams and others.

Mill Branch, Minutes, Brother D. R. Gore.

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New River.
Seven Mile, Minutes, Brethren Jonas Rives, J. A. Massengill.
Staunton River.
Virginia Corresponding Meeting.
Warwick, Minutes.
White Oak, Elder E. E. Lundy.
Fisher's River, Minutes.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held at Lower Town Creek, in Edgecombe County, N. C., and that the services to commence on Saturday before th Second Sunday in October, 1910 at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder J. W. Gardner preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B. Lancaster his alternate.

11. Elders J. H. Johnson, G. D. Roberson, E. E. Lundy and P. D. Gold were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also to send Minutes as heretofore:

Abbotts Creek, Minutes.
Baltimore, Minutes.
Black Creek, Minutes, J. R. Lindsay, Hyman Pate, J. D. Joyner.
Upper Country Line, Minutes.
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13. On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

Autry's Creek—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C.—60
Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C.—19
Bethel—John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.—19
Beaver Dam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kiuston, N. C.—9
Blount's Creek—N. L. Edwards, Blount's Creek, N. C.—35
Cedar Island—Thomas L. Goodwin, Roe, N. C.—42
Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Farmville, N. C.—8
Galloway's—J. S. Corbett, Greeuville, N. C.—11
Goose Creek Island—James Potter, Jr., Lowlands, N. C.—56
Hancocks—Joseph Cox, Winterville, N. C.—16
Haskins Chapel—B. F. Scott, Trenton, N. C.—5
Meadow—J. J. Eason, Speights Bridge, N. C.—25
Mount Lebanon—B. C. Whitford, Askins, N. C., Route 1—27
Mewborns—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.—26
Mill Branch—T. J. Robbins, Elm City, N. C. Route.—38
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Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., R. F. D. 26.
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Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C. 10.
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5th. Elder J. F. Farmer preached this afternoon from Romans 8:31.

6th. Brothers E. A. Stanfield and H. L. Brake were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association. Letter presented from Church at Moores' was received by the moderator extending right-hand of fellowship to the messengers.

9th. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations.

Abbots Creek and Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold and J. F. Farmer.

Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

Lower Country Line, Delaware, Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elders G. D. Roberson, Chas. Meads M. T. Lawrence, A. L. Harrison and J. A. Shaw. Bros. I. W. Bass and J. T. Braswell.

Little River—Minutes, Elds. J. E. Adams and J. H. Johnson.

Salem, Mayo, New River, Seven Mile—Minutes.

Staunton River—

Virginia Corresponding Meeting, and Warwick—Minutes

White Oak—Elder E. E. Lundy.

Fishers River—

10th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Sandy Grove, Beaufort county, North Carolina. The services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1911 at 11 o'clock, a. m. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster with Elder A. M. Crisp as his alternate.

11th. Elders J. H. Johnson, Charles Meads, G. D. Roberson, and L. H. Hardy were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations also to send minutes as heretofore: Abbotts—Minutes; Baltimore—Minutes; Black Creek, Minutes; J. R. Linsey, J. E. Cobb and Elder A. Crisp; Upper Country Line, Minutes; Lower Country Line, Delaware, Deleware River, Minutes; Kehukee, Minutes, I. P. Dowty, E. A. Stanfield, J. L. Brake and J. F. Brown; Little River, Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams, Mill Branch, Mayo, New River and Salem Minutes.

Seven Mile Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams; Staunton River, Minutes; Virginia Corresponding Meeting, Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

Warwick: Minutes; White Oak, Minutes, Elds. T. B. Lancaster and J. F. Farmer; Fisher's River, Minutes.

13th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Sunday October 9th, 1910.

Services were opened by Elder J. H. Johnson, with praise and prayer and the following brethren preached: Elder J. H. Johnson: Subject, John 14:6; Elder Charles Meads, subject, Isaiah 53:10.

After a short intermission the services were resumed with praise by Elder G. D. Roberson, who preached from Matt. 5:38, 41.

Followed by Elder L. H. Hardy, from Luke 11: 1-4.

The preaching was in harmony with the word of God and we desire to thank and praise His holy name.

Monday Morning, October 10, 1910.

1st. The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

2nd. Appointed to preach today, Elders P. D. Gold, text 1st Kings 17th chap. last verse, and E. E. Lundy text Matt. 28:16, 20, and Elder J. E. Adams to close with remarks.

3rd. The committee on finance made the following report:

In hands of Treasurer		$00.00
Received from churches this year		71.60
Paid for printing minutes and postage	20.00	
Clerk's compensation	10.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	41.60	
Total		$71.60

Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5th. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

6th Resolved that the Articles of Faith and rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

7th. Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church require his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have his as pastor and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

8th. Resolved that our clerk have 1250 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond record one on the record and that he is allowed $10.00 for his services.

9th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10th On motion the clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for the generosity in entertaining the Association.

12th. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

ELDER W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

B. D. ROWE, Clerk.

ELDER JOHN P. TINGLE, Assistant.

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and Their Postoffice.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.; Jas. S. Corbett, Greenville, N. C.; G. M. Corbett, Tarboro, N. C.; A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., Route 1; J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.; J. W. Jackson,Rocky Mount, N. C., T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., Route 1; D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., Route 1; H. B. Tueker, Greenville, N. C.; John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., W. B. Williams, Elm City, N. C.; J. B. Roberts, Licentiate, Goldsboro, N. C., G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.

Names of Churches, Pastors and Clerks.

Autry's Creek, Pastor, A. M. Crisk: Clerk J. F. Brown.

Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor, A. R. Sutton, clerk.

Bethel—E. E. Lundy, pastor, J. P. Tingle clerk.

Beaver Dan—Pastor none; clerk none.

Blount's Creek—Pastor none, Clerk, U. L. Edwards.

Cedar Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor, Clerk T. L. Goodman.

Galloways—Jas. S. Corbett pastor, G. M. Corbett clerk.

Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, pastor, Clerk Jas. Potter, Jr.

Hancocks, C. C. Bland, pastor, clerk, Benj. Smith.

Haskin's Chapel, B. F. Eubanks, pastor, Clerk B. F. Scott.

Meadow, D. A. Mewborn, pastor, Clerk D. A. Mewborn.

Mewborn's, T. B. Lancaster, pastor, Clerk L. J. H. Mewborn.

Moore's—A. M. Crisp, pastor, Clerk R. C. Moore.

Mount Lebanon—G. Bryant, pastor, Clerk B. C. Whitford.

Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, pastor, Clerk W. H. Smith.

Pleasant Hill—J. W. Jaekson, pastor, with G. W. Abram's assistant. Clerk H. L. Brake.

Red Banks, H. B. Tucker, pastor, elerk David Stocks.

Sandy Bottom—J. W. Gardner, pastor, Clerk J. W. Croom.

Sandy Grove—L. H. Hardy, pastor, Clerk B. D. Rowe.

Sappony—M. B. Williford, pastor, Clerk J. R. Lindsay.

Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor, Clerk W. M. Moore.

Tyson's—J. S. Corbett pastor, Clerk A. P. Turnage.

Upper Town Creek—G. W. Boswell pastor, Clerk Jere Whitehead.

Damaseus—G. D. Roberson pastor, Clerk E. A. Stanfield.

Sheffield—E. E. Lundy pastor, Clerk Josiah Tingle.

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches.

Autry's—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C., 60.
Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 19.
Bethel—John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 19.
Beaver Dam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C., 9.
Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards, Blount's Creek, N. C., 35.
Cedar Island—Thomas L. Goodwin, Roe, N. C., 42.
Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Farmville, N. C., 8.
Galloways—J. S. Corbett, Greenville, N. C., 11.
Goose Creek Island—James Potter, Jr., Lowland, N. C., 56.
Hancocks—Joseph Cox, Winterville, N. C., 16.
Haskins Chapel—B. F. Scott, Trenton, N. C., 5.
Meadow—J. J. Eason, Speights Bridge, N. C., 25.
Mount Lebanon—B. C. Whitford, Askins, N. C., Route No. 1, 37.
Mewborns—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., 26.
Moore's—R. C. Moore, Wilson, N. C., Route 5, 27.
Nahunta—W. H. Smith, Saulston, N. C., 140.
Sandy Bottom—J. A. Croom, Kinston, N. C.
Sandy Grove—B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C., Route 2, 35.
Sappony—J. R. Lindsay, Nashville, N. C., Route 1, 26.
Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, New Bern, N. C., Route 1, 6.
Town Creek—W. M. Moore, Macclesfield, N. C., 53.
Tyson's—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 22.
Upper Town Creek—Jere Whitehead, Elm City, N. C., 118
Pleasant Hill—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C., 76.
Red Banks—David Stocks, Winterville, N. C., 44.

Distribution of Minutes to the Associations.

Abbotts Creek—Martin's Mill, N. C., 12 copies, A. P. Leach.
Baltimore—Elder J. T. Rowe, 704 Linwood Ave. Station L. Baltimore, Md., 8 copies.
Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold, Wilson, N. C. 26 copies.
Upper Country Line—Elder L. H. Hardy, Reidsville, N. C. 16 copies.
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 15 copies.
Delaware—Elder S. H. Durand, Southampton, Pa., 7.
Delaware River—Elder F. A. Chick, Hopewell, N. J., 7.

Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 44.
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., R. F. D. 20.
Mayo—Elder E. M. Bernard, Peter's Creek, Va., 21.
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C., 10.
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, C. H., Va., 20.
Seven Mile—C. Hodges, Benson, N. C., 12.
Staunton River—L. Dodson, Ringgold, N. C., 17.
Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Elder J. N. Badger, Manassas, Va., 12.
Warwick—J. E. Beebe & Co., Middletown, N. Y., 9.
White Oak—Elder I. Jones, Maple Hill, N. C., 20.
Fisher's River—Elder A. M. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C., 20.

Quarterly Meetings of Each Church.

Autry's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.
Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May August and November.
Beaver Dam—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.
Bethel—Second Sunday in January, April, July and Oct.
Clount's Creek—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.
Cedar Island—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.
Cross Roads—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.
Damascus—Second Sunday in January, April, July and October.
Galloway's—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.
Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.
Hancocks—Third Sunday in Feb. May, Aug., and Nov.
Haskin's Chapel—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.
Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.
Mewborn's—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Moore's—Fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Mount Lebanon—First Sunday in February, May , Aug. and November.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Pleasant—Hill Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, Sept. and December.

Sandy Bottom—Second Sunday in February, May, Aug. and November.

Sandy Grove—First Sunday in March, June, Sept. and December.

Sappony—Third Sunday in March, June, Sept., and December.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, Aug., and November.

Tyson's—Third Sunday in March, June, Sept. and December.

Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sheffield—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on any person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty from the association.

Art. 8. No member of this association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

Constitution and Articles of Faith.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon upon a profession of our faith in Christ, and convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a

union and communion with each other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keeq the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed. Their numbers in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Atr. 3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclestical power over the churches, nor they shall infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, and manifested by th emoderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of the members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, exxcept it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall be accountable to the association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amedments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches, 2, to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches, 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any member or members by and with their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren of the ministry who may be presnt at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the association shall have power to adjourn itself to any future time or

place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or memb rs of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

Names of Churches and Messengers.	Baptized	Rec. by Let	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fel.	Contribut'n.
Autrys Creek—J. F. Brown, J. R. Gay, Eld. A. M. Crisp	3	1		1		2	61	3.00
Bear Creek—R. W. Sutton, J. H. Dawson, J. W. Sutton							19	8.00
Beaver Dam—Elder J. S. Corbett*							9	1.00
Bethel—Elds. E. E. Lundy, J. P. Tingle,* F. D. Miller*	1						20	2.50
Blounts Creek—Not represented					2		47	3.00
Cedar Island—Stephen Emery*, W. W. Styron, Elder E. E. Lundy	1						43	2.00
Damascus—J. A. Matthews*, L. A. Stanfield								
Galloway—Elds. J. S. Corbett* and G. M. Corbett	1						12	1.00
Goose Creek Island—Elder E. E. Lundy, H. S. Watson	3				1	1	59	2.00
Hancocks—Josephus Cox, Elias McGlowhorn						1	15	2.00
Haskins Chapel—By letter							3	1.00
Meadow—Elder D. A. Mewborn, W. S. Lands*, J. J. Eason			3			1	21	3.25
Mewborns—Jesse L. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney, L. J. H. Mewborn							26	5.00
Moore's—Joe Varnell, J. W. Varnell, Richard C. Moore							27	1.50
Mt. Lebanon—A. P. Whitford						1	26	1.00
Nuhunta—W. H. Smith, Elds. T. B. Lancaster, J. W. Gardner	1			2		4	135	11.00
Pleasant Hill—G. W. Thomas, J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake	3		1	1		1	76	5.10
Red Banks—James Hardy, J. R. Mills, J. B. Edwards	5			2			47	3.00
Sandy Bottom—E. L. Rouse	2					1	12	1.75
Sandy Grove,—I. P. Dowtz, B. Rowe, Elder L. H. Hardy						3	32	6.00
Sappony—W. A. Joyner*, N. D. Joyner,* J. R. Lindsey	4		1	2	1	1	27	1.50
Sheffield—Elder E. E. Lundy, Josiah Tingle*, W. K. Rowe*							6	1.00
Town Creek—H. H. Drake, J. E. Cobb, J. L. Proctor	2	1	3				52	2.00
Tysons—A. P. Turnage, Clayton Joyner*, H. S. Tyson					1	2	19	2.00
Upper Town Creek—Elder W. B. Williams, I. T. Eason, J. W. Joyner	5	1			1	1	125	5.00

Those absent marked thus *

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PROCEEDINGS SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 7th, 1911.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from 1st. John 1st. Chapter and 7th verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe.

Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen moderator and Brother B. D. Rowe, clerk, who called to his assistance, Brother G. M. Hardy.

Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

A vote of thanks was given to Elder W. B. Williams, who for several years was moderator of this association.

Elder Charles Meads, preached this afternoon from Rom. 5-10-11. Elder J. T. Rowe at night from Rom. 8-10-11.

Brother H. L. Brake, and Elder J. P. Tingle, were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

Letters were received and read, from the churches, and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

Petitionary letters to join this association were called for. The church at Sappony asked for a letter of dismission to join the Black Creek Association.

Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes—Elder J. T. Rowe.

Black Creek—Minutes—Elder P. D. Gold and Brother Amos Hayes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes—Elder L. H. Hardy.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes—Elders S. Hassell, Charles Meads, M. T. Lawrence and Brethren J. C. Robertson and W. H. Daniel.

Liver River—Minutes—Brother R. E. Adams.

Mill Branch—Not represented.

Mayo—Not represented.

New River—Not represented.

Seven Miles—Minutes—Brethren J. R. Webb and Moore Wood.

Staunton River—Not represented.

Salem—Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes—Elder E. E. Lundy.

Fisher's River—Not represented.

Appointed our next Association to be held at Tyson's meeting house in Pitt County, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1912, at eleven o'clock a. m., and that Elder J. W. Gardner preach the introductory sermon and Elder G. W. Stokes, be his alternate.

Elders P. D. Gold, J. T. Rowe, M. T. Lawrence and S. Hassell, were appointed to preach on Sunday.

The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also we send minutes as heretofore.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams.

Black Creek—Minutes—Brother H. L. Brake and Elders J. W. Gardner and J. S. Corbett.

Upper Country Line--Minutes, Brother L. J. H. Mewborn.

Lower Country Line—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams and Brother G. W. Howard.

Delaware—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams.

Delaware River—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams.

Kehukee—Minutes—Elder G. W. Stokes and Brother J. W. Proctor.

Little River—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Miles—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes—Elder J. S. Corbett.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, nine o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 8, 1911.

Services were opened by Elder P. D. Gold with praise and prayer. Elder P. D. Gold then preached from Romans 7-4: followed by Elder J. T. Rowe from First Samuel 23-1 to 5. After a short intermission the service was resumed by Elder M. T. Lawrence who preached from First John 3-18: followed by Elder S. Hassell, from Col. 1-18. There was a large and attentive audience and the preaching was in demonstration of the spirit and with power.

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 9, 1911.

The association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder S. Hassell.

Elder L. H. Hardy preached at the stand today from John 6-38-39.

The committee on finance made the following report:

In the hands of the treasurer		$ 0.00
Received from the churches this year		82.20
Paid for printing minutes and postage	$20.000	
Clerks compensation	10.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	52.20	
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The report received and committee discharged.

The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

Resolved that the association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she have none she will actual-

ly choose him as such.

Resolved that our clerk have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

On motion it was resolved by the association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of the association grounds during its session.

On motion the clerk was appointed treasurer of the association.

On motion the thanks of the association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

Elder T. B. LANCASTER, Moderator.

B. D. ROWE, Clerk.

G. M. HARDY, Assistant.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. S. Corbett, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbett, Tarboro, R. F. D., 3, N. C.
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, R. F. D. 1. N. C
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
T. C. Hart, La Grange, N. C.
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. M. Jones, Bridgeton, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, R. F. D. 1, N. C.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, R. F. D. 1, N. C
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
W. B. Williams, Elm City, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, licentiate, Goldsboro, N. C.
Jas. Potter, Jr., licentiate, Lowland, N. C.
J. W. Procter, licentiate, Rocky Mount, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

Autry's Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; J. F. Brown, Clerk.

Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; A. R. Sutton, Clerk.
Bethel—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; J. P. Tingle, Clerk.
Beaverdam—J. S. Corbett, Pastor; Emma Waller, Clerk.
Blount's Creek—W. M. Jones, Pastor; U. L. Edwards, Clerk.
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Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Clerk.
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Autry's Creek—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
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Beaverdam—Four Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Bethel—Second Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.
Blount's Creek—Every Fifth Sunday.
Cedar Island—Third Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.
Damascus—Second Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.
Galloways—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept. and Dec.
Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.
Handcock's—Third Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.
Meadow—Fourth Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Mewborn's—Second Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
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Mt. Lebanon—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
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TABLE SHOWING TIME AND PLACE WHERE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD.

1830, at Toisnot; 1830 at Nahunta; 1831 at Beaverdam; 1832 at Bear Creek; 1833 at Tyson's; 1824 at Union; 1835 at Pleasant Plains; 1836 at White Oak; 1837 at Old Town Creek; 1838 at Beaverdam; 1839 at Red Banks; 1840 at Pleasant Hill; 1841 at Tyson's; 1842 at Memorial; 1843 at Meadow; 1844 at Beaverdam; 1845 at Nahunta; 1846 at Autry's Creek; 1847 at Black Creek; 1848 at Sandy Bottom; 1849 at New Chapel; 1850 at Old Town Creek; 1851 at Red Banks; 1852 at Swift Creek; 1853 at White Oak, 1854 at Beaverdam; 1855 at Toisnot; 1856 at Rose of Sharon; 1857 at Blount's Creek; 1858 at Union; 1859 at Tyson's 1860 at Bear Creek; 1861 at Meadow; 1862 Black Creek; 1863 at Handcock's; 1864 at Memorial; 1865 at Toisnot; 1866 at Beaverdam; 1867 at Mewborn's; 1868 at Pleasant Hill; 1869 at Rose of Sharon; 1870 at White Oak; 1871 at Town Creek; 1872 at Meadow; 1873 at Aycock's; 1874 at Milton; 1875 at Tyson's; 1876 at Cross Roads; 1877 at Autry's Creek; 1878 at Toisnot; 1879 at Nahunta; 1880 at Red Banks; 1881 at Union; 1882 at Bear Creek; 1883 at Sandy Grove; 1884 at Moore's; 1885 at Mewborn's; 1886 Ayeoek's; 1887 at Nahunta; 1888 at Town Creek; 1889 at Bethel; 1890 at Mewborn's; 1891 at Autry's Creek; 1892 at Sandy Grove; 1893 at Galloway's; 1894 at Tyson's; 1895 at Union; 1896 at Bear Creek; 1897 at Pleasant Hill; 1898 at Nahunta; 1899 at Mill Braneh; 1900 at Meadow; 1901 at Town Creek; 1902 at Red Banks; 1903 at Sandy Grove; 1904 at Mewborn's; 1905 at Autry's Creek; 1906 at Pleasant Hill; 1907 at Upper Town Creek; 1908 at Bear Creek; 1909 at Nahunta; 1910 at Old Town Creek; 1911 at Sandy Grove.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the association.

Art. 8. No member of this association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constition of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power, to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor they shall infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer appointed by the association, who shall be accountable to the association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches. 2, to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches, 3, to give the

churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association fund to any purposes strictly connected with this association; 6, to appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry with may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the association shall have power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocates or theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

Churches.	Counties	Names of Messengers.	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Restored.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	To. No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Autry's Creek	Edgecombe	Z. R. Gay, J. F. Brown, Eld. A. M. Crisp.	1					4	58	3.00
Bear Creek	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson,* R. W. Sutton, A. R. Sutton*	1					1	19	8.00
Beaverdam	Lenoir	Eld. J. S. Corbett.							9	1.00
Bethel	Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle, W. J. Harris, H. A. Gaskins.	1					1	20	2.00
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Eld. W. M. Jones, seated as a messenger.								
Cedar Island	Carteret	John W. Saulter, T. L. Goodwin, Eld. E. E. Lundy.	1			3			41	2.00
Damaseus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield.							9	2.00
Galloways	Pitt	Eld. J. S. Corbett, Eld. G. M. Corbett*, J. B. Williams.						1	11	1.00
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Wm. Gaskill, C. G. Carawan, J. M. Carawan	1	1	3				62	4.45
Handcoek's	Pitt	Josephus Cox, Elias McGlowhoon	2					1	16	2.00
Haskin's Chapel	Lenoir	By letter stating that they had unanimously agreed to dis.							3	1.00
Meadow	Greene	Eld. D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason*, Bennett Fields.	1				1	1	20	5.10
Mewborn's	Greene	L. J. H. Mewborn, J. L. Mewborn, Eld. T. C. Hart*.			1			1	26	6.25
Moore's	Wilson	R. C. Moore, J. W. Varnell*, Oscar Farmer.	5				1	1	32	2.00
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A. P. Whitford, B. C. Whitford.							26	1.00
Nahunta	Wayne	Eld. T. B. Lancaster, Eld. J. W. Gardner, W. A. Taylor.	3		2		2	2	140	12.00
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake, J W. Proctor.	1			1		3	73	7.60
Red Banks	Pitt	J. T. Dunn, J. W. Hardee, Eld. G. W. Stokes				1		2	44	3.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse, Joseph Temple.						2	11	2.25
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B. D. Rowe, W. C. Rowe, G. M. Hardy.	4					3	33	6.00
Sappony	Nash	J. R. Lindsay, J. D. Baker.	2	1			1	1	28	1.50
Sheffield	Craven	W. K. Rowe, Josiah Tingle*.							6	1.00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J E. Cobb, J. L. Proctor, W. M. Moore.					1	3	48	3.00
Tyson's	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, S. M. Smith, H. S. Tyson.		3					22	2.00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	Eld. W. B. Williams, Geo. Howard, I. T. Eason*.	3		3	3	3	5	120	3.00

Absentees marked thus*

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Saturday Morning, Oct. 12th, 1912.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gardner from Acts 4:12 verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Farmer.

Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen moderator and Brother B. A. Rowe clerk who called to his assistanee Brother G. M. Hardy.

Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

Elders J. F. Farmer and J. A. Shaw were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon. Elder Farmer preached from 2nd Cornthians 1 Chapter 10th verse. Elder J. A. Shaw preached from Song of Solomon 6 Chapter 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th verses.

Brethren E. A. Satnfield and Elder J. P. Tingle were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

Petitionary letters to join this Association were called.

Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for Abbott's Creek.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold, J. F. Farmer and Brother Amos Hayes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes, Brother D. C. Moore, John Ward and S. W. Outterbridge and Elder M. T. Lawrence.

Little River—Minutes, Elder J. E. Adams.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—

New River—

Seven Mile—Minutes.

Staunton River—

Salem—

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elder E. E. Lundy.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Appointed our next Association to be held at Meadow meeting house in Greene county, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1913 at eleven o'clock A. M., and that Elder T. B. Lancaster preach the introductory sermon and Elder G. W. Stokes be his alternate.

Elders P. D. Gold, E. E. Oliver, J. R. Wilson and W. T. Lawrence were appointed to preach on Sunday.

The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations also: we send minutes as heretofore.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, H. S. Tyson, S. M. Smith, J. L. Brake, Elder G. M. Corbett.

Upper Country Line—Minutes, E. A. Stanfield, Elder J. P. Tingle.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elders G. M. Corbett, J. P. Tingle.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elder G. W. Stokes, G. M. Hardy, and S. M. Smith.

Little River—Minutes, Elders J. W. Gardner, A. M. Crisp and T. B. Lancaster.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

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Staunton River—Minutes, Elder J. P. Tingle.

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White Oak—Minutes, Elders J. S. Corbett and H. A. Gaskins.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Brother I. T. Eason was appointed to write the obituary notive of the death of Elder W. B. Williams to be appended to the minnes. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9:30 o'clock.

Sunday Morning, Oct. 13th, 1912.

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold who preached from Rev. 17th chapter 13th verse, followed by Elder E. E. Oliver from Acts 16th chapter and 30th verse. After a short intermission the services were resumed by Elder J. R. Wilson from Song of Solomon 4th chapter 2nd verse followed by Elder M. T. Lawrence from Acts 2nd chapter 42nd verse.

The preaching was in demonstration of the word and with power and we desire to give God all the glory.

Monday Morning, Oct. 14th, 1912.

The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Farmer.

Elders J. E. Adams and E. E. Lunday preached at the stand today, Elder Adams from 53d chapter Isaiah, Elder Lundy from John 4th chapter 1st and 29th verses.

The committee on finance made the following report:

In the hands of the Treasurer		0.00
Raised by the Association	$	5.00
Received from the churches this year		82.65
Received from Elder G. M. Corbett		.50
Received from Mr. J. C. Daniels		5.00
Paid for printing minutes and postage	$20.00	
Clerks compensation	15.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	58.15	
..	$93.15	$93.15

The report received and committee discharged.

The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the statistical table.

On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

Resolved that the articles of faith and rules of decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she will actually choose him as such.

Resolved that our clerk have 1,200 of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of the Association grounds during its session.

On motion the clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder J. W. Gardner.

ELDER T. B. LANCASTER,
Moderator.

B. D. ROWE, Clerk.
G. M. HARDY, Assistant.

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Autry's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.
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Beaverdam—Fourth Sunday in Mar., June, Sept. and Dec.
Bethel—Second Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.
Blount's Creek—Every Fifth Sunday.
Cedar Island—Third Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.
Damascus—Second Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.
Galloways—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept. and Dec.
Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.
Handcock's—Third Sunday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.
Meadow—Fourth Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Mewborn's—Second Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Moore's—Fourth Sunday in Jan., April, June and Oct.
Mt. Lebanon—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Nahunta—Third Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.
Red Banks—Second Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Sandy Bottom—Second Sunday in Feb. May, Aug. and Nov.
Sandy Grove—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Sappony—Third Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Sheffield—First Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.
Tyson's—Third Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imprfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the association.

Art. 8. No member of this association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any mmber who shall willingly and knowlingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respectiv churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power, to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches,nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any members of the association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurrer appointed by the association, who shall be accountable to the association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches, 2, to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches, 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association fund to any purposes strictly connected with this association; 6, to appoint any member or members by and with

his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry which may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the association shall have power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

OBITUARY.

Elder W. B. Williams departed this life June 11th, 1912. He was born February 8th, 1834, in Edgecombe County, N. C., near Sharpsburg. His parents were Redmond and Martha Williams. He was married at the age of 23 years to Miss Margaret Ruffin of Edgecombe County. From this union were born three sons and three daughters. Two sons and two daughters are still living to mourn the decease of their loving father. Brother Williams and wife of his youth lived together over forty-two years. Elder Williams was called upon to give to the cold embrace of death one infant son and daughter besides his dear wife. Elder Williams was stricken with lameness at the early age of four years, from which he never recovered, but he bore this affliction for sventy-four years with rare Christian fortitude. He was given to remember his Creator in the days of his youth, joining the Primitive Baptist Church at about the age of 18. He was soon thereafter honored of

the Lord in being called into the gospel ministry, in which capacity he was blessed to serve fifty-six years. He was, also, for many years, the honored and honorable moderator of the Contentnea Association. These gospel functions he performed faithfully and then fell asleep. Elder Williams was a precious gift to the church—made precious by the seasoning of the Lord. As a citizen, he was honest, straightforward and energetic—highly esteemed by all who knew him. As a minister of the gospel, he was faithful, sincere, cheerful and bold. Faithfulness was his motto. He both believed in and practiced those good works which are the fruits of grace.

Elder Williams was a kindly, friendly brother, therefore, he was greatly loved by all of the brethren who were priviledged to know him. He was poor in spirit and in this world's goods, but rich in faith. While in church, together with his children and grand-children, mourn the decease of our dear brother, we mourn not as those who have no hope, for we are assured that our loss is his eternal gain. Written by request of The Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association. Respectfully submitted,

I. T. EASON.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND COUNTIES WHERE LOCATED

—Autry's Creek	Edgecombe.
—Bear Creek	Lenoir.
—Beaverdam	Lenoir.
—Bethel	Pamlico.
—Blount's Creek	Beaufort.
—Cedar Island	Carteret.
—Damascus	Pitt.
—Galloway's	Pitt.
—Goose Creek Island	Pamlico.
—Hancock's	Pitt.
—Meadow	Greene.
—Mewborns	Greene.
—Moore's	Wilson.
—Mount Lebanon	Craven.
—Nahunta	Wayne.
—Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe.
—Red Banks	Pitt.
—Sandy Bottom	Lenoir.
—Sandy Grove	Beaufort.
—Sheffield	Craven.
—Town Creek	Edgecombe.
—Tyson's	Pitt.
—Upper Town Creek	Wilson.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Names of Messengers.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in Fel.	Contributions.
Autry's Creek.....	P. W. Bell, W. R. Abram, J. F. Brown	2					2	58	$4.00
Bear Creek.....	R. W. and A. R. Sutton, J. H. Dawson							19	9.00
Beaverdam.....	Elder J. S. Corbett							9	1.00
Bethel.....	Elder J. P. Tingle, H. A. Gaskins, B. P. Martin* .		1					21	2.25
Blount's Creek.....	Elder G. W. Stokes			1	1			18	1.00
Cedar Island.....	W.W Styron*, W.M.Goodwin*, Eld. E.E. Lundy..				3		1	37	2.00
Damascus.....	E. A. Stanfield, J. A. Matthews						1	8	2.00
Galloway's.....	Eld. G.W. Corbett, J.B. Williams, Eld. J.S. Corbett							11	1.00

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Mount Lebanon	R. C. Whitford*, A. P. Whitford*	6		1		2	67	4.00
Nahunta	Eld. J.W.Gardner, T.B.Lancaster, W.A. Taylor						16	5.00
Pleasant Hill	J. W. Proctor, Geo. W. Thomas, J. L. Brake	1	1				22	4.25
Red Banks	Elder G. W. Stokes(J. R. Mills, James Williams				1		25	5.75
Sandy Bottom	Lake Rouse, L. F. Smith, J. B. Temple					3	29	1.50
Sandy Grove	C. M. Hardy, W. C. Rowe, B. D. Rowe	2				3	25	1.00
Sheffield	Josiah Tingle, Elder E. E. Lundy, W. K. Rowe	2				5	137	12.05
Town Creek	W. M. Moore, J. L. Proctor, H. H. Drake	3				1	75	5.10
Tyson's	A. P. Turnage, S. M. Smith, H. S. Tyson	1				1	44	3.00
Upper Town Creek	I. T. Eason, J. W. Joyner, G. W. Howard		1			1	11	2.75
Goose Creek Island	Elder E. E. Lunday, N. W. Ireland, G. W. Ireland				1		32	6.00
Hancock's	B. T. Cox, Elias McGowhorn*						6	1.00
Meadow	Eld. D.A. Mewborn, Wm.P. Land*' Wm.P. Horton				1	2	45	3.00
Mewborn's	G. L. Mewborn; J. J. Kearney, L. J. H. Mewborn						21	3.00
Moore's	W. G. Sharp*, H. C. Gardner*, Joe Varnell*	2				2	117	3.00
		19		5	2	24	853	82.65

MINUTES

OF THE

83rd Annual Session

OF THE

Contentnea

Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the Church at

Meadow Meeting House,

GREENE COUNTY., N. C., OCTOBER, 11, 12, AND 13, 1913.

PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday Morning, October 11, 1913.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter, 2nd verse.

2. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. E. Lundy.

3. Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen Moderator, and Brother B. D. Rowe Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. P. Tingle.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders W. M. Monsees, J. A. Shaw and J. F. Farmer were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon. Elder W. M. Monsees preached from St. John, 1st chapter, 14th verse. Elder J. A. Shaw preached from Job 1st chapter, 9th verse. Elder J. F. Farmer preached from 1st Cor. 1st chapter, 23rd and 24th verses.

6. Brethren W. C. Rowe and E. A. Stanfield were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for.

9. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations were called for.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes. Elders P. D. Gold, J. F. Farmer, Lamm, Dr. C. B. Hall and others.

Upper Country Line—

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes. Bro. D. C. Moore, Elders Charles Meades, J. A. Shaw, and A. J. Moore.

Little River—Minutes. Bro. L. H. Williams.

Mill Branch—

Mayo—

New River—

Seven Mile—Minutes. Elder W. M. Monsees, Bro. J. R. Webb.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Virginia, Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder E. E. Lundy.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held at Red Banks meeting house in Pitt county, N. C. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1914, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Eld. T. B. Lancaster preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. W. Gardner be his alternate.

11. Elders E. E. Oliver, P. D. Gold, J. B. Hardy and L. H. Hardy were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations; also we send minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes. Elder E. E. Lundy.

Black Creek—Minutes. Elder G. M. Corbett, Bro. S. M. Smith and J. E. Cobb.

Upper Country Line—Minutes. Elder J. P. Tingle.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Elders J. P. Tingle, G. M. Corbett.

Delaware—Minutes. Elder E. E. Lundy.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elders G. W. Stokes, J. S. Corbett, B. T. Cox, Bro. J. E. Cobb, Z. R. Gay.

Little River—Minutes. Bro. J. W. Proctor, G. W. Howard, Elder T. B. Lancaster.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes. Elder T. B. Lancaster.

Staunton River—Minutes. Elder J. P. Tingle.

Salem—Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes. Elders L. H. Hardy, J. B. Hardy.

Warwick—Minutes. Elder E. E. Lundy.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder J. S. Corbett, Bro. S. M. Smith.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

13. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9:30 o'clock.

Sunday Morning October 12, 1913.

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, who preached from Gen. 7th chap., 16th verse; followed by Elder E. E. Oliver, from John 10th chap., 11th verse. After a short intermission the services were resumed by Elder J. B. Hardy, from 1st John, 4th chap., 2nd verse; followed by Elder L. H. Hardy, from Isaiah 35th chap., 1st and 2nd verses. The preaching was in harmony with the word of God.

Monday Morning, October 13th, 1913.

1. The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder

L. H. Hardy.

2. Elders E. E. Lundy and Charles Meades preached at the stand today. Elder Lundy preached from Matthew 25th chap., and first few verses. Elder Charles Meades preached from St. John 17th chap., and a part of the 24th verse.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

In the hands of the Treasurer.....	
Received from the churches this year.....	$94.00
Received from Mr. J. C. Daniels.....	5.00
Total.....	$99.00
Paid for printing minutes and postage.....	$20.00
Clerk's compensation	15.00
Gave to visiting ministers.....	64.00
Total.....	$99.00

4. The report received and committee discharged.

5. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the Statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved, That the articles of faith and rules of decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

8. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved, That our clerk have 1,200 of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectioneries, candies, lemonade, Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, or any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a mis-

demeanor and fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not less than ten days nor more than fifty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said Association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section one of this act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 13th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder D. A. Mewborn.

ELDER T. B. LANCASTER, Moderator.

B. D. ROWE, Clerk.

ELDER J. P. TINGLE, Assistant.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. S. Corbett, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbett, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
J W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
T. C. Hart, La Grange, N. C.
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, N C.
W. M. Jones, Bridgeton, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, R. F. D. 1, N. C.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, licentiate, Goldsboro, N. C.
Jas. Potter, Jr., licentiate, Lowland, N. C.
J. W. Procter licentiate, Rocky Mount, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

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Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; A. R. Sutton, Clerk.
Bethel—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; J. P. Tingle, Clerk.
Beaverdam—J. S. Corbett, Pastor; Emma Waller, Clerk.
Blount's Creek—G. W. Stokes, Pastor; U. L. Edwards, Clerk.
Cedar Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; T. L. Goodwin, Clerk.
Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Clerk; M. B. Williford, Pastor.
Galloways—J. S. Corbett, Pastor; J. S. Corbett, Clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Jas. Potter, Jr., Clerk.
Handcock's—C. C. Bland, Pastor; Jesephus Cox, Clerk.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, Pastor; D. A. Mewborn, Clerk.
Mewborn's—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; L. J. H. Mewborn, Clerk.
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Pleasant Hill—J. W. Jackson, Pastor; H. L. Brake, Clerk.
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STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches.	Counties.	Messengers.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored.	Dis by Letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Mem.	Contributions.
Autry's Creek	Edgecombe	J. F. Brown, W. R. Abrams, Z. R. Gay	0	0	0	0	0	2	56	3.00
Bear Creek	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson*, R. W. Sutton, A. R. Sutton*	1	0	0	0	0	1	19	10.25
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Not Represented	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	
Bethel	Pamlico	Elder J. P. Tingle, B. P. Martin*	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	2.00
Blounts Creek	Beaufort	Elder G. W. Stokes*	2	0	0	0	0	1	19	1.00
Cedar Island	Carteret	W. R. Mason, Oliver Gillikin, Elder E. E. Lundy	2	0	2	2	0	2	37	2.50
Damascus	Pitt	J. A. Matthews*, E. A. Stanfield	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	1.50
Galloway's	Pitt	J. B. Williams, Elders G. M. Corbett, J. S. Corbett	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1.50
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	A. E. Hopkins, Elder E. E. Lundy	1	0	0	0	0	2	66	4.80
Hancock's	Pitt	B. T. Cox, Elias McLawhorn*	3	0	0	0	1	0	18	6.00
Meadow	Greene	Elder D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason, Wm. S. Land	0	0	1	1	0	1	21	5.15
Mewborn's	Greene	J. L. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney*, L. J. H. Mewborn*	1	0	0	0	0	1	25	8.00
Moore's	Wilson	W. G. Sharp, H. C. Gardner, J. W. Varnell*	0	1	0	0	0	0	29	1.50
Mt. Lebanon	Craven	B. C. Whitford, Wm. Ipock*, Elder J. P. Tingle	0	0	0	0	0	2	22	1.60
Nahunta	Wayne	Elder T. B. Lancaster, W. A. Taylor, R. D. Pate*	2	0	0	0	0	2	137	12.65
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. W. Proctor, J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake	3	1	0	0	0	1	77	8.55
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills*, James Hardie, J. T. Dunn	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	5.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	I. B. Temple, Luke Rouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2.50
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B. D. Rowe, W. C. Rowe, E. B. White	0	0	1	1	0	0	32	6.00
Sheffield	Craven	W. K. Rowe, E. E. Lundy, Josiah Tingle	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, H. H. Drake J. L. Proctor	0	0	0	0	0	2	41	2.00
Tyson's	Pitt	T. W. Smith, W. L. Williams*, A. P. Turnage	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	3.56
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	H. H. Moore, J. J. Moore, G. W. Howard	6	0	0	1	2	3	117	3.00
		Total	21	2	4	5	3	25	842	894.00

Absentees marked thus *

MINUTES

OF THE

84th Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the church at

Red Banks Meeting House

PITT COUNTY, N. C., OCT. 10, 11 and 12, 1914

PROCEEDINGS.
Saturday Morning, October 10, 1914.

1. The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from Acts. 7:34.

2. After a short intermission the messengers assembled, and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

3. Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen Moderator, and John P. Tingle, was chosen Clerk

4. Visiting brethern and messengers from sister Association were invited to seats.

5. Elders J. E. Adams, and J. A. Shaw, were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Adams preached from Rev. 14:6-7, followed by Elder Shaw from Luke 2:14.

6. Brethren L. J. H. Mewborn and E. A. Stanfield, were chosen committee on finance.

7. Letters were received, and read from the churches, and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for.

9. Called for corresponding letters, and messengers from sister Associations:

Abbots Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—No Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

Black Creek—Minutes, Amos Hays. J. R. Lindsey, N. D. Joyner and Elder P. D. Gold.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes E. F. Robinson and others.

Fishers River—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes, Elders J. E. Adams, W. M. Monsees, and J. T. Coats.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Mill Branch—No Minutes.

Mayo—No Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

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Staunton River—No Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—No Minutes.

Vurginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elders I. Jones, and E. E. Lundy.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held at Pleasant Hill. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1915, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder A. M. Crisp, will

preach the introductory Sermon, and Elder T. B. Lancaster, his alternate.

11. Elders P. D. Gold; W. N. Tharp; J. T. Rowe; and Isaac Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Association also we send minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elders G. M. Corbitt, and J. S. Corbitt.

Delaware—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

Delaware River—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elder J. S. Corbitt, and Brother David Stocks.

Fisher River—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes, G. M. Corbitt, T. B. Lancaster.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elders J. P. Tingle, and G. M. Corbitt.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

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Staunton River—Minutes, J. P. Tingle.

Salem—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Elders, J. P. Tingle. and G. M. Corbitt.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elders J. S. Corbitt, and T. C. Hart.

13. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9:30 a. m.

Sunday Morning, October 11, 1914.

Services were opened with praise and prayer, by Elder P. D. Gold, who preached from the 19th Psalm; and was followed by Elder W. N. Tharp, who preached from 1st Peter 2:9. After one hour Elder J. T. Rowe, preached from Mat. 28: 18-20, followed by Elder Isaac Jones, who preached from Eph. 2:8.

Elder Tharp was from the White Water Association, also Elder Oliver was present from the Ketocton Association.

Monday Morning, October 12, 1914.

1. The Association was opened with praise and prayer, by Elder J. E. Adams.

2. Elders E. E. Oliver, J. T. Coats, and L. H. Hardy, were appointed to preach at the stand to-day. Elder Oliver preached from John 5-39-40. Elder Coats followed, and preached from John 19-30 and Elder Hardy followed and preached from Psalms 46-4.

3. The Committee on finance made the following report:

In hands of the Treasurer.....

Received from the Churches this year		$85.70
Received of John Daniels and others		6.50
Paid for printing minutes	20.00	
Clerks Compensation	15.00	
Gave to visiting Ministers	57.20	
Total	$92.20	$92.20

4. Report received and the Committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called, and those absent without leave marked in the Statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published, and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches, that no one be ordained to the Ministry of the word, unless some church require his ordination as her Pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 13th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder E. E. Lundy.

ELDER T. B. LANCASTER, Moderator.
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G. M. HARDY, Assistant.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST. OFFICES.

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G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1.
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
T. C. Hart, La Grange, N. C.
J. W. Kackson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. M. Jones, Hookerton, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle Grantsboro, N. C.
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Jas. Potter, Jr., licentiate, Lowland, N. C.
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

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Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 20 copies.
Bethel—J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 20 copies.
Beaverdam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C., 10 copies.
Blounts Creek—U. L. Edwards, Blounts Creek, N. C., 20 copies.
Cedar Island—Thomas L. Goodwin, Roe, N. C., 38 copies.
Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Farmville, N. C., 6 copies.
Galloway's—J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 11 copies.
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Nahunta—W. H. Smith, Saulston, N. C., 134 copies.
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Sandy Bottom—J. B. Temple, Kinston, N. C., 11 copies.
Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, 33 copies.
Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, New Bern, N. C., R F. D. No. 1, 5 copies
Town Creek—W. M. Moore, Pine Top, N. C., 40 copies.
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Cedar Island	Carteret	W. W. Styron O. A. Gillikin W. M. Doodwin	1						38	3.20
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Handeocks	Pitt	Josephus Cox B. T. Cox							18	6.00
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Mewborn's	Green	J. L. Mewborn S. Kearney L. J. H. Mewborn	2						27	6.00
Moore's	Wilson	W. G. Sharp H. C. Gardner J. W. Varnell.	1						29	1.50
Mt. Lebanon	Craven	J. P. Tingle B. C. Whitford A. B. Whitford						3	19	1.00
Nahunta	Wayne	ElderT. B. Lancaster V. A Barlett D. Pate.	1				1	3	134	11.65
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. L. Brake James Jones A. E. Edwards.	2	1				2	76	6.90
Red Banks	Pitt	David Stocks Gilford Page J. S. James.	4		1			1	48	5.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Luke Rouse.							11	2.25
Sandy Grove	Beauforr	G. M. Hardy W. J. Harris D. C. Hardy		2				1	33	6.00
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Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, W. H. Mears, W. M. Moore						1	40	2.00
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Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. W. Joyner*, H. H. Moore, G. W. Howard					2	6	107	3.00
		Totals	17	3	2	2	4	20	802	85.70

Absentees marked thus*

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OF THE

85th Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

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Edgecombe County, N. C.

OCTOBER 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1915

OWEN G. DUNN, PRINTER, NEW BERN.

Proceedings

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1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. M. Crisp, from 2nd Tim. 4:2.

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3. Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen Moderator and Elder Jno. P. Tingle was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother H. L. Brake.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister association were invited to seats.

5. Elders Xure Lee, J. C. Hooks and J. E. Adams were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon. Elder Lee preached from Jno. 1-29. Elder Hooks followed and preached from Mat. 28-18 and Elder Adams followed from 1st Tim. 1-15.

6. Brethren L. J. H. Mewborn and E. A. Stanfield were chosen committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations:

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Deleware—Minutes.

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Fishers River—Minutes.

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Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—No Minutes.

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Seven Mile—Minutes, Elders Xure Lee, C. Hodges and others.

Stanton River—No Minutes.

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10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Autrys Creek. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1916, at 11 o'clock A. M. and that Elder G. W. Stokes will preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. P. Tingle his alternate.

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12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associatilns, also we send minutes as heretofore:

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On motion adjourned until Monday, Oct. 11, 9:30 A. M.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1915

Services were opened by Elder P. D. Gold who preached from Ezk. 37-3, followed by Elder F. W. Keene, from Songs 4-12,14, After a short intermission services were resumed and Elders B. S. Cowing preached from Titus 2-11,12, and was followed by Elder J. T. Rowe from 2nd Tim. 1-11,12. The preaching was clear with no uncertain sound.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1915

1. The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. E. Adams.

2. Elders E. E. Oliver, J. A. Shaw and J. W. Wyatt were appointed to preach at the stand today. Elder Oliver preached from John 13-1, Elder Shaw from(text unknown), and Elder Wyatt from Heb. 7-11,12.

The church at Cedar Island desired a letter of dismission to join the White Oak Association and to suit her convenience, a letter was granted and handed to one of our messengers to said Asociation.

3. The Committee on finance made the following report:

In hands of Treasurer		00.0000
Received from Churches this year		$85.75
Paid for Printing Minutes	$20.00	
Clerk's Compensation	$15.00	
Gave to Visiting Ministers	50.75	
	$85.75	
Total		$85.75

4. Report received and the Committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called, and those absent without leave, marked in the Statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the Ministry of the word, unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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Ratified this, the 13th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder D. A. Memborne.

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Saulston, N. C.
ELDER J. P. TINGLE, Clerk
Grantsboro, N. C.
BROTHER H. L. BRAKE, Asst. Clerk.
Rocky Mount, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
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G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
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Blounts Creek—U. L. Edwards, Blounts Creek, N. C., 20 copies.
Cedar Island—Thomas L. Goodwin, Roe., N. C., 38 copies.
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Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, 33 copies.
Sheffield—Joshiah Tingle, New Bern, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, 5 copies.
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Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. F. D. No. 21 copies.
Kekukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 45 copies.
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., 21 copies.
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Mayo—Elder E. M. Banard, Peter's Creek, Va., 21 copies.
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Warwick—Elder H. C., Kerr, Middletown, N. Y., 8 copies.
White Oak—Elder C. C. Brown, Gillett, N. C., 17 copies.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH

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Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Not Represented	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	1866
Bethel	Pamlico	Elder J. P. Tingle	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	19	2	2.00	1899
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Elder G. W. Stokes* W. A. Ashberry, R. H. Harris*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	5	1.00	1857
Cedar Island	Carteret	Stephen Emery*, O. H. Gillikin*, M. R. Goodwin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	36	3	2.00	.....
Damnscus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield, J. A. Matthews*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	2	1.75	.....
Galloways	Pitt	Elders J. S. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt, J. B. Williams	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	1	1.50	1893
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	James Potter	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	71	4	3.00	.....
Handcocks	Pitt	B. T. Cox, Josephus Cox*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	3	6.00	1863
Meadows	Green	W. S. Land*, Elder D. A. Mewborn , J. T. Lewis	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	6.50	1913
Mewborn	Green	J. L. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney, L. J. H. Mewborn	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	2	7.00	1904
Moores	Wilson	W. G. Sharp*, J. W. Varnett*, H. C. Gardner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	28	4	1.50	1884
Mt. Lebannon	Craven	Elders J. P. Tingle, B. C. Whitford*	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	4	1.50	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	Richard Pate, Elders T. B. Lancaster, B. F. Taylor	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	3	13.30	1909
Pleasant Hill	Edgecomb	J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake, G. W. Thomas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	73	4	6.45	1915
Red Banks	Pitt	J. T. Dunn, Guilford Page	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	2	5.00	1914
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Lake Rouse	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	2	2.50	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	J. S. Rowe*, W. C. Rowe	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	30	1	5.25	1911
Sheffield	Craven	W. K. Rowe, W. R. Edwards*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3	1	1.00	.....
Town Creek	Edgecomb	W. H. Mears, J. E. Cobb, W. M. Moore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	38	2	2.00	1910
Tysons	Pitt	N. C. Vick*, Luther Joyner, S. M. Smith	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	3	3.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. J. Moore, I. T. Eason, J. W. Joyner	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	106	3	3.00	1907
TOTALS			18	1	2	.....	5	13	802	.....	$85.75	.....

Absentees Marked Thus *

MINUTES

OF THE

86th Annual Session

OF THE

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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With The Church At

Autrys Creek Meeting House

Edgecombe County, N. C.

OCTOBER 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1916.

OWEN G DUNN, PRINTER, NEW BERN, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1916.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder G. W. Stokes, from 2nd Cor. 12:9.

2nd. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3rd. Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen Moderator and Elder Jno. P. Tingle was chosen clerk, who called to his assistance Brother G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders L. H. Stephenson, J. E. Adams and J. L. B. Pridgen were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon.

6th. Brethren J. L. Mewborn and E. A. Stanfield were chosen committee on finance.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the statistical table.

8th. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for.

9th. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations:

a. Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

b. Baltimore—Eld. J. T. Rowe and minutes.

c. Black Creek—Elds. P. D. Gold, J. B. Pridgen and others and minutes.

d. Deleware—Eld. J. T. Rowe and minutes.

e. Deleware River—Eld. J. T. Rowe and minutes.

f. Kehukee—Elds. W. B. Strickland and J. A. Shaw and N. M. Worsley.

g. Fishers River—Minutes.

h. Little River—Elds. J. E. Adams, L. H. Stephenson, Bro. R. E. Adams and minutes.

i. Lower Country Line—Bro. G. C. Farthing and minutes.

j. Mill Branch—Minutes.

k. Mayo—No minutes.

l. New River—No minutes.

m. Seven Mile—Brethren L. T. Journeghan and Moses Lee and minutes.

n. Staunton River—Minutes.

o. Salem—No minutes.

p. Upper Country Line—T. A. Stanfield and minutes.

q. Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

r. Warwick—Minutes.

s. White Oak—Minutes, Eld. J. T. Rowe.

10th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Bethel, Pamlico County, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1917, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Elder A. M. Crisp will preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B. Lancaster his alternate.

11th. Elders P. D. Gold, F. W. Keene, J. T. Rowe and J. W. Wyatt were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations, also we send minutes as heretofore:

a. Abbotts Creek—Minutes.
b. Baltimore—Minutes, Eld. J. T. Rowe.
c. Black Creek—Minutes, Eld. G. W. Corbett and J. L. Mauler, B. F. Taylor.
d. Deleware—Minutes.
e. Deleware River—Minutes.
f. Kehukee—H. L. Brake, J. S. James, E. A. Stanfield.
g. Fishers River—Minutes.
h. Little River—Elds. J. P. Tingle, J. B. Roberts and T. B. Lancaster.
i. Lower Country Line—Minutes and Eld. J. P. Tingle.
j. Mill Branch—Minutes.
k. Mayo—Minutes.
l. New River—Minutes.
m. Salem—Minutes.
n. Seven Mile—Elds. J. P. Tingle, T. B. Lancaster and J. B. Roberts.
o. Stanton River—Minutes and Elder J. P. Tingle.
p. Upper Country Line—Minutes and Eld. J. P. Tingle.
q. Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
r. Warwick—Minutes.
s. White Oak—Minutes.

13th. On motion conference adjourned until Monday, October 9, 1916.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1916.

Elder P. D. Gold opened and preached from Gal.— followed by Elder F. W. Keene from Deut. 25:17, 18, 19. After about one hour Eld. J. T. Rowe preached from Songs 2:8, 12, followed by Eld. J. W. Wyatt from Gen. 7:60.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1916.

1. The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Bragg.

2. Elders W. B. Strickland, J. A. Shaw and L. H. Hardy were appointed to preach at the stand today.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

In hands of Treasurer					000	00
Received from churches this year					104	10
Paid for printing minutes		20	00			
Clerk's compensation		15	00			
Gave to visiting ministers		69	10			

4. Report received and the Committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called, and those absent without leave, marked in the Statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one ordained to the Ministry of the word, unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectioneries, candies, lemonade, coco-cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not less than ten days, nor more than fifty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said association, the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this, the 13th day of October, 1914.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby ten-

dered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder D. A. Mewhorn.

ELD. T. B. LANCASTER, Moderator,
Saulston, N. C.

J. P. TINGLE, Clerk,
Grantshoro, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. S. Corbit, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corhitt, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
T. C. Hart, LaGrange, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Saulston, N. C.
Jas. Potter, Jr., Licentiate, Lowland, N. C.
J. W. Proctor, Licentiate, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, Licentiate, Snow Hill, N. C.

OBITUARY NOTICE OF JNO. W. JACKSON.

Elder John W. Jackson of Edgecombe County, N. C., was born July 10th, 1835, and died June 7th, 1916.

Elder Jackson lost his parents in early life and labored hard and had hut little schooling; was married in 1856 to Miss Sallie Jackson; joined the Southern army and served in the Civil War until July, 1864, when he returned home wounded, convicted of sin and given a sweet hope in Jesus about this time; and a few years later—Novemher, 1873, united with the church at Pleasant Hill, Edgecombe County, and was baptised hy Elder W. W. Barnes. He was soon licensed to preach and in May, 1881, was ordained by Elders B. C. Pitt and J. D. Scott, and has since served his church as pastor until a few weeks before his death. In his last years he was not ahle to go to church, but was strong in the faith once delivered to the saints, until death. He left several

children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, besides the church, to mourn the loss of a faithful father and pastor of Pleasant Hill church.

May we be his followers as he followed Christ.

Your brother in hope,

H. L. BRAKE,
Clerk of Pleasant Hill Church.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

Autry's Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, Clerk.
Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; A. R. Sutton, Clerk.
Bethel—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; J. P. Tingle, Clerk.
Beaverdam—Emma Waller, Clerk.
Blounts Creek—G. W. Stokes, Pastor; U. L. Edwards, Clerk.
Damascus—J. B. Roberts, Pastor; E. A. Stanfield, Clerk.
Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, Pastor; J. S. Corbitt, Clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Jas. Potter, Jr., Clerk.
Hancocks—C. C. Bland, Pastor; G. W. Stokes, Asst. Pastor; Josephus Cox, Clerk.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, Pastor; D. A. Mewborn, Clerk.
Mewborn—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; L. J. H. Mewborn, Clerk.
Mt. Lebanon—J. P. Tingle, Pastor; B. C. Whitford, Clerk.
Moores—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; I. T. Eason, Clerk.
Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; B. F. Taylor, Clerk.
Pleasant Hill—G. W. Boswell, Pastor; H. L. Brake, Clerk.
Red Banks—H. B. Tucker, Pastor; J. S. James, Clerk.
Sandy Bottom—J. W. Gardner, Pastor; J. B. Temple, Clerk.
Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Clerk.
Sheffield—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Josiah Tingle, Clerk.
Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; W. M. Moore, Clerk.
Tysons—J. S. Corbitt, Pastor; A. P. Turnage, Clerk.
Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; J. M. Williams, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

Autry's Creek—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C., 58 copies.
Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 20 copies.
Bethel—J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 40 copies.
Beaverdam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C., 10 copies.
Blounts Creek—U. L. Edwards, Blounts Creek, N. C., 20 copies.
Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Farmville, N. C., 6 copies.
Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 11 copies.
Goose Creek Island—Jas. Potter, Jr., Lowland, N. C., 69 copies.

Hancocks—Josephus Cox, Winterville, N. C., 18 copies.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., 20 copies.
Mewborn—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4, 27 copies.
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Nahunta—B. F. Taylor, LaGrange, N. C., 125 copies.
Moores—I. T. Eason, Elm City, N. C., 29 copies.
Pleasant Hill—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C., 76 copies.
Red Banks—48 copies.
Sandy Bottom—J. B. Temple, Kinston, N. C., 11 copies.
Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, 33 copies.
Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, New Bern, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, 5 copies.
Town Creek—W. M. Moore, Macclesfield, N. C., 40 copies.
Tysons—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 19 copies.
Upper Town Creek—M. Williams, Elm City, N. C., 100 copies.

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Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. 2, 14 copies.
Baltimore—Frank G. Scott, Cockeysville, Md., 8 copies.
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C., 19 copies.
Delaware—Elder S. H. Durand, Southampton, Penn., 8 copies.
Delaware River—D. M. Voorhees, Pennington, N. J., 7 copies.
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. F. D. No. 21 copies.
Kelhukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 45 copies.
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., 21 copies.
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 16 copies.
Mayo—Elder E. M. Banard, Peter's Creek, Va., 21 copies.
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C., 10 copies.
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd C. H., Va., 20 copies.
Seven Miles—C. Hodges, Benson, N. C., 11 copies.
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va., 16 copies.
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C., 10 copies.
Upper Country Line—S. M. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C., 16 copies.
Va. Cors. Meeting—Elder J. N. Badger, Manassas, Va., 7 copies.
Warwick—Elder H. C. Kerr, Middletown, N. Y., 8 copies.
White Oak—Elder C. C. Brown, Gillett, N. C., 17 copies.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH.

Autry's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, and December.

Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Beaverdam—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bethel—Second Sunday in January, April, July and September.

Blounts Creek—Every fifth Sunday.

Cedar Island—Third Sunday in January, April, July, and October.

Damascus—Second Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Galloways—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Hancocks—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Meadows—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mewborn—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mt. Lebanon—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Moores—Fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sandy Bottom—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sandy Grove—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sheffield—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Tysons—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August, and November.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION —ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each

other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and message and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this asociation. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this

association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer appointed by the association, who shall be accountable to the association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have the power: (1) To provide for the general rule of churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches. (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time, in this association. (5) To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary. (7) The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of the sitting whom it shall judge necessary. (9) The association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic Lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of mouey, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday school union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of members	Sun. of Meeting	Contributions	When Asso. last held
Autry Creek	Edgecombe	J. F. Brown, W. R. Abrams and B. W. Bell.	..	..	1	..	..	1	57	1	$3.00	1916
Bear Creek	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson, R. W. Sutton and N. Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	1	8.25	1908
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	By letter	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	4	1.00	1866
Bethel	Pamlico	Jno. P. Tingle and B. P. Martin	1	..	..	..	..	1	19	2	2.25	1889
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	W. A. Asberry	..	..	..	..	..	2	16	5	1.50	1857
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	2	2.00	....
Galloways	Pitt	G. M. and J. S. Corbitt* and J. B. Williams	..	..	..	..	1	..	10	1	1.50	1893
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	By letter	3	..	1	..	..	1	74	4	3.00	....
Hancocks	Pitt	Josephus Cox*	3	..	..	..	..	1	20	3	7.00	1863
Meadows	Green	J. T. Lewis, W. S. Land* and Wm. L. Whorton	1	..	..	..	..	1	19	4	6.75	1913
Mewborn	Green	J. L. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney and J. E. Mewborn	..	..	..	..	..	1	28	2	8.00	1904
Moores	Wilson	Joe Varnell and H. C. Gardner	..	..	..	..	..	2	26	4	1.50	1884
Mt. Lebanon	Craven	J. P. Tingle, A. P. Whitford*	1	..	..	1	..	..	21	4	2.00	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	T. B. Lancaster, J. B. Roberts and B. F. Clark	1	..	1	2	..	2	141	3	14.65	1909
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, A. E. Edwards* and J. W. Dupree	4	..	2	..	..	3	75	4	6.50	1915
Red Banks	Pitt	J. T. Dunn, J. S. James and Joseph Hardee	1	..	..	..	1	..	50	2	12.70	1914
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Lake Rouse	1	..	..	..	1	..	11	2	5.50	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	W. J. Harris, and G. M. Hardy	4	..	..	..	..	2	32	1	6.00	1911
Sheffield	Craven	W. K. Rowe, Josiah Tingle* and W. R. Edwards*	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1.00	....
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, W. H. Mears and W. M. Moore	..	..	..	..	..	1	37	2	3.00	1910
Tysons	Pitt	S. M. Smith, Luther Joyner and N. C. Vick	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	3	4.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, I. T. Eason and J. J. Moore	3	..	1	..	1	1	108	3	3.00	1907
Absentees marked thus *			23		6	3	4	20	796		104.10	

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BETHEL MEETING HOUSE

Pamlico County, N. C.

October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1917

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1917.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from Matt. 21:42.

2nd. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder W. A. Simpkins.

3rd. Elder John P. Tingle was chosen moderator and H. L. Brake was chosen clerk. who called to his assistance Brother G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting Brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders C. B. Hall and J. E. Adams were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Hall preached from Matt. 22:8. Elder Adams preached from Eph. 3:8.

6th. Brethren E. A. Stanfield and J. L. Mewborn were chosen committee on finance.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the statistical table.

8th. Called for petitionary letters to join this association. Kinston church was gladly admitted.

9th. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations:

a. Abbotts Creek—Minutes.
b. Baltimore—Minutes.
c. Black Creek—Elders C. B. Hall and J. W. Wyatt and minutes.
d. Deleware—Minutes.
e. Deleware River—Minutes.
f. Kehukee—W. H. Daniel, J. J. Manning, and minutes and J. H. Daughtridge.
g. Fishers Rivers—Minutes.
h. Little River—Minutes, Elders J. E. Adams, W. A. Simpkins, and L. H. Stephenson.
i. Lower Country Line—Minutes.
j. Mil Branch—Minutes.
k. Mayo—
l. New River—Minutes.
m. Seven Mile—Minutes.
n. Staunton River—Minutes.
o. Salem—
p. Upper Country Line—Minutes

q. Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

r. Warwick—Minutes.

s. White Oak—Minutes Elders Isaac Jones and E. E. Lundy and L. H. Hardy and others.

Whitewater. Elder W. N. Tharp.

10th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Nahunta, Wayne county, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1918, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder J. P. Tingle will preach the introductory and Elder D A. Mewborn is case of failure.

11th. Elders W. N. Tharp, W. A. Simpkins, J. W. Wyatt and Isaac Jones were appointed to preach Sunday.

12th. The following Brethren agreed to visit sister associations, also we send minister as heretofore:

a. Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

b. Baltimore—Minutes.

c. Black Creek—Minutes, J. E. Cobb, J. T. Lewis, Elder Tingle.

d. Deleware—Minutes.

e. Deleware River—Minutes.

f. Kehukee—Minutes, H. L. Brake, Elder T. B. Lancaster, J. E. Cobb.

g. Fishers River—Minutes.

h. Little Diver—Minutes, Elder T. B. Lancaster, J. P. Tingle.

i. Lower Country Line—Elder T. B. Lancaster, J. P. Tingle.

j. Mill Branch—Minutes.

k. Mayo—Minutes.

l. New River—Minutes.

m. Salem—Minutes.

n. Seven Mile—Minutes, Z. R. Gay, Elder J. P. Tingle.

o. Stauntou River—Minutes.

p. Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

q. Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

r. Warwick—Minutes.

s. White Oak—Minutes, Elder J. S. Corbett, H. L. Brake.

13th. On motion conference adjourned until Monday, October 15, 1917, at 9:00 a. m.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1917.

Elder W. N. Tharpe opened services and preached from Matt. 11 chapter 28th to 30th verse. Elder W. A. Simpkins preached from Romans 1:16.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Elder J. W. Wyatt preached from John 14:6. Elder Isaac Jones preached from Luke 23:42.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1917.

1st. The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder G. T. Powell.

2nd. Elders J. A. Shaw, L. H. Hardy and E. E. Luudy were appointed to preach at the stand today.

3rd. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

In hands of Treasurer		
Received from churches this year	$110.85	
Paid for printing minutes		25.00
Clerks compensation		15.00
Gave to visiting ministers		73.00
Balance due Treasurer	2.15	
	$113.00	$113.00

4th. Report received and the committee discharged.

5th. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave, marked in statistical table.

6th. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7th. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8th. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the Ministry of the word, unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9th. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,100 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or

beer, confectionaries, candies, lemonade, coco-cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatscever, any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco of any kind, or to kind whatsever, any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not less than ten days, nor more than fifty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said association, the same class of goods when they offer for sale on the days of the meetngs mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 13th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

Elder JOHN T. TINGLE, Moderator, Grants, N. C.

H. L. Brake, Clerk, Rocky Mount, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. Corbitt, Grenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbitt, Greenvile, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
T. C. Hart, LaGrange, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Sanlston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
D A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Sanlston, N. C.
Jas. Potter, Jr., Licentiate, Lowland, N. C.
J. W. Proctor, Licentiate, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, Licentiate, Snow Hill, N. C.
J. E. Mewborn, Licentiate, Snow Hill, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND CLERKS.

Autry's Creek—A M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, Clerk.
Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; A. R. Sutton, Clerk.
Bethel—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; J P. Tiugle, Clerk.
Beaverdam—Emma Waller, Clerk.
Blounts Creek—G. W. Stokes, Pastor; U. L. Edwards, Clerk.
Damascus—J. B. Roberts Pastor; E. A. Stanfield, Clerk.
Galloways—J. S. Coritt, Pastor; J. S. Corbitt, Clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Jas. Potter, Jr., Clerk.
Hancocks—C. C. Bland, Pastor; G W. Stokes, Asst. Pastor; Josephus Cox, Clerk.
Kinston—L. H. Hardy, Pastor; R. H. Temple, Clerk.
Meadow—D A. Mewborn, Pastor; D. A. Mewborn, Clerk.
Mewborn—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; L J. H. Mewborn, Clerk.
Mt. Lebanon—J P. Tingle, Pastor; B. C. Whtford, Clerk.
Moores—S. B. Denuy, Pastor; I. T. Eason, Clerk.
Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; B. F. Taylor, Clerk.
Pleasant Hill—G. W. Boswell, Pastor; H. L. Brake, Clerk.
Red Banks—H B. Tucker, Pastor; J. S. James, Clerk.
Sandy Bottom—J. W. Garduer, Pastor; Mrs Mary Croom, Clerk.
Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Clerk.
Sheffield—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Josiah Tingle, Clerk.
Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; W. M. Moore, Clerk.
Tysons—J S. Corbitt, Pastor; A. P. Turnage, Clerk.
Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pas tor; J. M. Williams, Clerk.

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QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH.

Autry's Creek—Frst Sunday in March, June, September, and December
Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.
Beaverdam—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.
Bethel—Second Sunday in Jauuary, April, July and September.
Blounts Creek—Every fifth Sunday.
Cedar Island—Third Suuday in January, April, and October.

Damascus—Second Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Galloways—First Sunday n Mareh, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday n February, May August and November.

Hancocks—Third Sunday iu February, May, August and November.

Meadows—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mewborn—Second Sunday iu March, June, September and December.

Mt. Lebanon—Fourth Sunday iu March, June, September and December.

Moores—Fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sandy Bottom—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sandy Grove—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sheffield—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Tysons—Third Sunday in March, Juue, September and December.

Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August and Nevember.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by auy except the moderator, till he is doue speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfetions, but shall fairly state the case and matter as as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtaned from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he breaks rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION —ARTICLES OF FAITH ..

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convineed of the neeessity of the eonstitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and eommunion with each other in union. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association aceording to the folowing plan or form of government, viz:

Artiele 1. The Association shall be eomposed of members chosen by the' differeut churches in our union, duly sent to represent them iu this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respectivo churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this eonstitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen aud eonvened shall no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they any eclesiastieal power

over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and message and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the maney thus contributed by the churches received by this association, who shall be accountable to the association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have the power: (1) To provide for the general rule of churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches. (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. (4) To inquire into the

cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time, in this association. (5) To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary. (7) The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the ortho lox principles of religion. (8) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of the sitting whom it shall judge necessary. (9) The association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic Lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday school union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does not fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MEMBERS	Baptized	Rec'd by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Sun. of Meet'g	Contributions	When Ass'n Last Held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	J. R. Gay, W. R. Abram, Eld. A. M. Crisp*	5	..	..	..	..	1	61	1	$5.00	1916
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, J. W. Sutton, Noah Smith	..	..	..	4	..	..	15	1	7.00	1908
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	.....	1866
Bethel	Pamlico	J. P. Tingle, B. S. Tingle, J E Ireland	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	2	2.50	1917
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	By Letter	..	..	..	..	..	3	13	5	1.00	1857
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield*	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	2	1.75	....
Galloways	Pitt	J. B. Williams, J. S. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt*	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	2.00	1893
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	H. S. Watson* Noah Ireland, Jr., A. E. Hopkins	1	..	..	..	1	5	70	4	3.00	....
Handcocks	Pitt	F. L. Cox*, Luther Tripp, B. T. Cox*	2	..	1	..	..	1	22	3	8.60	1863
Meadows	Green	W. L. Horton, J. T. Lewis*. J. J. Eason	..	..	..	..	..	2	17	4	4.75	1913
Mewborn	Green	J. L. Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn, L. J. H. Mewborn	..	..	..	..	..	2	27	2	9.75	1904
Moores	Wilson	By Letter	..	..	1	..	..	..	27	4	1.50	1884
Macedonia	Craven	J. P. Tingle, Bryan Fulcher, A. P. Whitford*	2	..	..	..	..	2	20	4	1.50	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	Eld. T. B. Lancaster, Eld. J. B. Roberts*, B. F. Taylor.	3	..	..	2	1	6	135	3	11.35	1909
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, A. E. Edwards, J. W. Proctor	1	..	..	..	..	1	74	4	6.00	1915
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, J. S. Jones, J. B. Hardy	1	..	..	..	1	..	50	2	15.25	1914
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse	..	1	..	..	..	..	10	2	6.75	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	D. C. Hardy*, G. M. Hardy, W. C. Rowe*	..	1	..	..	..	1	32	1	6.65	1911
Shefficld	Craven	W. K. Rowe, Josiah Tingle	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1.50	....
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb*, W. H. Mears*, W.M. Moore*	..	1	..	..	..	..	36	2	3.00	1910
Tyson	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, S. M. Smith, Luther Joyner*	1	..	..	..	..	..	22	3	4.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, J. J. Moore, G. W. Howard	..	..	..	..	..	4	104	3	3.00	1907
Kinston	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson, J. A. Wiggins*, R. H. Temple	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	5.00	....
		Total	17	4	2	6	3	28	778	..	110.85	...

Absentees marked *.

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